Iran students to give up control of US hostages

The Revolutionary Council in Tehran is taking over custody of the 49 American hostages held in the United States Embassy. Yesterday's offer from the students who have held them since November 4 came as a surprise. Mr Sadeq occept it, or any part, searence or paragraph of it. It is not binding upon us and we will act in accordance with our rights and essential interests in order to guarantee the future and the paragraph of it. November 4 came as a surprise. Mr Sadeq

Revolutionary Council accepts custody

Teliran, March 6.—Iran's Revolutionary Council will American hostages held at the United States Embassy here Content November 4. In a surprise mave roday, the Muslim students holding the hostages offered to hand them over to

Mr. Saden Qorbzaden, the Foreign Minister, said after a Foreign Minister, said after a meeting of the council: "The students have sent a message saying they will abandon their quarding of the hostages. The Revolutionary Council tonight has accepted that."

Asked about the status of the said:

Asked about the status of the American captives, he said:

They are hostages and they remain hostages." As socculation that the development could speed the hostages release. Mr Qorbzadeh said:

"You are jumping too far

The change in the position of the saudents, who for the past four months have said they will only release their captives in return for the Shah, came as a surprise to the france authorities, political sources said.
A spokesman for the students

ruling council said sonight con-citions for the handover would have to be considered.

Mr Quibzaden said that a gov-ernment committee would be e-rablished tomorrow to decide ages sould be surrendered. A superior spekesmen said craffic ender that the initiatis intended to stay in the enhance. If the Repositionary Council wanted to take over custody of the hostoges it would have to remove them from the communical he said.

authorities had pressured the militants to allow the United Nations commission, which is intestigating Iranian charges against the Shan, to pay a humanitation wisit to the

A statement issued today by the students said they were still opposed to such a visit but were

ed to pass responsibility for the hostages to the govern-

The student statement con-"We recognize that nur responsibility about the hostages is (mished and we believe that the Iranian aution mark) the revolutionary line of the Imam (Ayarolish Khomeini) and will respond to any deviation from his line.

that the nation solidly supports

bring out differences among council members about the face of the hostages, and further attempts to seek a ruling from the Ayatollah despite his increasing reluctance to get in-Earlier today, the United Nations commission prepared to abandon its 12-day mission

after deciding there was no hope that they would be able to see the hostages. The commission members dispatched the crew of their United Nations jet to Tehran

airport to prepare for a flight to Geneva and went to the Foreign Ministry for a last meeting with Mr Qotbzadeh. Sources close to the commis-

sion said Mr Ootbzadeh was apparently convinced that it would in fact leave. But its members heeded his appeal to remain in Tehran for two or three more days to allow the Revolutionary Council to make further efforts to arrange a visit to the hostages. A United Nations spokesman

was announcing the commis-sion's change of plans as Tehran Radio was broadcasting the students' statement. He would not say, however, if the commission knew in advance of the state-

Political sources said student Political sources said student militants stationed at the Foreign Ministry made present checks to see if the commission really; planned to leave and brought forward the timing of their statement when they found this was so. They said this indicated the students set more store by the visit of the commission and its ability to expose the Shah's regime than expose the Shah's regime than they had indicated in previous statements.

The students said that their decision to relinquish control of the hostages was taken withour consulting the Ayatollah.
This morning the Ayatollah had
a meeting with President BaniSadr but there were no indications it was connected with the hostage issue.

nostage issue.

Embassy request: Iran is asking several foreign countries, including neighbouring Iran, to reduce the number of their embassy staff here, the Foreign Minister said today. Ministry said today.

A ministry statement quoted by the official Pars News

Agency said: "Since the revo-lution, some embassies have increased the number of their deviation from his line.

However, a student spokes man gave a warning that the personnel, which is not comparable to the number of our parable to the number of their personnel, which is not comparable to the number of their personnel, which is not comparable to the number of their personnel, which is not comparable to the number of their personnel, which is not comparable to the number of their personnel, which is not comparable to the number of their personnel, which is not comparable to the number of our parable to the number of

Mr Begin treats **UN** move with scorn

From Christopher Walker

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem, March 6
Mr Menachem Begin, the
Israeli Prime Minister, today
contemptuously dismissed last
week's United Nations Security
Council resolution calling for
the dismanting of all settlemenus on occupied Arab territory, including the newly-built
Jewish suburbs in East Jerusalem.

In one of the bitterest speeches which he has delivered to the Knesset since the Middle Bast peace process began, Mr Begin said of the resolution: "Under no condition shall we and the peace of our people in its homeland, Eretz Israel."

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Coming soon after the Egyptian Government's whole-lieated support for the United Nations resolution, Mr Begin's remarks were seen by political observers as posing new difficulties for the deadlocked negotiations over Palestinian autonomic, which are due to be

negotizions over raiestinian autonom, which are due to be completed by May 26.

Ironically, Mr Saad Murtada, the new Egyptian Ambassador, was paying his first official visit to the Israeli Parliament during the meach hur ha during the speech, but he studiously avoided making any comment on it.

The Prime Minister reserved particular scorn for the demand that Israel should dismantle the string of new Jewish neighbourhoods which have been built up in East Jerusalem islace the Arab sector of the erty was annexed by Israel in the 1967 war. He described the United Nations call as " a barbaric fantasy".

Having outlined the destruc-tion which he alleged the Israelis had discovered when East Jerusalem was conquered after 19 years of Jordanian rule, Mr Begin declared: "Let all the members of the Security Council record that Jerusalem is one city, all of it under Israeli sovereignty, our eternal capital. There will be no partition, directly, or indirectly." Although the Prime Minister said that he accepted President

Carter's explanation that America had voted for the United Nations resolution by mistake, he went on to criticize other aspects of the American stance in the Security Council. stance in the Security Council.

Mr. BGegin asserted that a mix-up over references to Jerusalem in the text did not explain American support for other parts of the resolution which were contrary to the Camp David agreement.

"Therefore I say, with all due respect, that the support of the American representatives for this terrible resolution

US reaction: The New York Times began its comment on Mr Carrer's odd behaviour towards the Security Council resolution with the observation: "Somewhere, maybe, there is someone who believes that the United States Governsibent would cast a precedentshartering vote against Israel at the United Nations, in an

this terrible resolu

at the United Nations, in an election year, without having read and re-read and re-read the language of the resolution."

The Washington Post and the Washington Star today both compare the President to the grand old Duke of York. The latter observes that the official explanation "could, of course, be true" and goes on to say "it would be easier to credit if this ghastly mix-up did not fit a familiar pattern of uncerfit a familiar pattern of uncer-tainty, indicisiveness and vacil-lation in all sorts of critical diplomatic matters".



Zimbabwe smiles: Weeks of frosty relations dissolved when Mr Robert Mugabe, the Zimbabwe Prime Ministerdesignate, met Lord Soames, the

Governor in Salisbury yesterday.

During their talks, Mr Mugabe asked Lord Soames to begin initiatives to bring Zimbabwe into the Common-

Mr Mugabe also sought agreement

from the Governor on the dismantling of the long-standing security measures and found there was no debate-the security force began to stand down yesterday. There will be no more national service for the time being and the reservists are starting to return to

The curfew in rural areas ends and. with the exception of areas around vital installations, martial law will be rescinded. Mr Mugabe was also involved in discussions with military leaders on the further integration of the country's armed forces.

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One of the new Governments first acts, however, will be to disband the controversial auxilliary force of 26,000, loyal to Bishop Abel Muzorewa. Report, page 6

Shell trebles profits to a record £3,051m

terday pointing out that the improvement in earnings was

not due simply to passing on

higher Opec crude oil prices

"Shell" Transport and Trading, the United Kingdom arm of the giant Royal, Dutch Shell oil group, looks set to enter the Guinness Book of Records as the most profitable industrial

Yesterday the world's number 2 oil company announced a near threefold increase in its net income in 1979 to £3,051m. This is half as much again as the recently announced profits from Exxon Corporation, the world's biggest oil group, and nearly twice the previous record of \$3,337.5m (£1,756.5m) held by General Motors of the

School Bill moves to avoid defeat

By George Clark Political Correspondent

In an attempt to stave off defeat in the House of Lords, the Government has tabled amendments to clauses dealing with school transport in the Education (No 2) Bill.

The Duke of Norfolk, the premier earl, with the support of about 40 Roman Catholic and aroused deep resentment within

ges for school transport.

Government business managers in the Lords had reported the Commons that there should

gers in the Lords had reported to the Cabinet that there was a serious possibility of a Government defeat if changes were not offered. The amendments will have the effect of limiting to two the number of children in a family that an education authority can charse when oroauthority can charge when providing transport to and from

for those under eight, and three miles for those who are eight and over.

The clearing banks in Britain and the leading United States oil companies have gone to great lengths to explain that their buge profit increases in 1979 have not been at the expense of the domestic consumer. Shell did likewise yesterday pointing out that the improvement of the constitution of the constitu

and reduced credit terms from opec producers pushed up working capital by \$1,134m and capital and exploration spending amounted to \$4.426m last to the consumer.

Its net income was boosted by £1,120m, compared with a reduction of £145m the year.

After the consumer of t

After several difficult years, Shell is doing much better out of its oil marketing businesses, before, because of the way it values its oil stocks on a first-in-first-out basis. With most oil prices based in dollars, the with chemicals in particular. The group has also managed

market in recent days largely becauses they have been left out of the recent speculative surge in oil shares generally. In the absence of further

crude oil price rises this year, Shell profits are expected to decline by about a third in 1980 because of the absence of stock

Wine fraud inquiry on 200,000 bottles

By Robin Young Consumer Affairs

Investigations are under way into a wine fraud spanning five countries and involving up to 200,000 bottles of cheap white wine sent to the United States for sale as vintage white burgundy.

Investigations have been going on for several months ining on tor several months in volving wine authorities in Britain, The Netherlands, France, West Germany and the United States. Officials from these countries will be meeting the Netherlands. in Haarlem, in The Netherlands,

Customs officials at United States ports are holding many thousands of bottles of wine, labelled as best burgundy growths, but accompanied with suspect documentation. French wine can fetch high

prices in the United States on the basis of what its label says. the basis of what its label says. It is believed that the wine left France in bulk with documentation identifying it as cheap ordinaire wine. It was bottled in Holland, and then shipped to the United Kingdom where it was labelled.

In the course of these travels the documents were re-placed by papers that should have accompanied expensive wines from the best win-grow-ing districts for white bur-French officials insist that

French officials insist that the wine left France with the proper documentation. There is serious concern that there should be a second wine scandal within five years of the case in which 18 well-known Bordeaux wine dealers were convicted of doctoring two million bottles of supposed claret.

Mr Norman Dixon, the secre-tary of the Wine Standards Board, said yesterday: "We do not believe a single bottle of this wine was sold in Britain. We have been working closely for some months with col-leagues in Europe and the United States. Our investigations are not yet complete.

The Ministry of Agriculture confirmed yesterday that inves-

cross-bench peers and the full weight of the Ooposition will attempt next week to delete entirely the clause imposing char-

This will apply to children who attend schools beyond the statutory walking distances from their homes—two miles Continued on page 2, col 3

£250,000 appeal for heart transplants The National Heart Transplant health authority has said there will have to be more money for transplants to take place. The

Fund launched a public appeal for £250,000 which it pledges fund, which has financed heart to commit to heart transplants. research for 13 years, issued a statement saying that since it The fund has already given 150,000 to Papworth Hospital. Cambridgeshire, where six wished to continue it transplants have been carried it had decided to ap

House to debate **Olympics**

be a debate on British participation in the Moscow Olympics, after Sir Denis Follows, the chairman of the British Olym-pic Association had said the uthletes should take part. The Cabinet felt it was a moral issue Page 6

Industrial action hits 25 prisons

Industrial action by prison officers is affecting 25 establishments, among them five top security jails. Discontent centres on frustration at overcrowding in too many old buildings, and disputes over pay for meal breaks Page 4

Pension fund art going on show

The National Gallery has re-ceived on loan from the British Rail Superannuation Fund a painting by the eighteenth-cen-tury French artist Jean-Baptiste Chardin. It is the second picture lent to the gallery by the fund Page 4

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clash with pickets

Confederation who claimed the police behaviour was "disgusting and puerile".

plaint today about "the ex-cessive use of force" by the

John Davies had his pelvis

Two other policemen and a

Sixty miles away at Newport. 30 pickets were arrested mainly for obstruction after tempers became heated when six lorry drivers inside the GKN steel stockholders told police they

Eighty men have now been arrested outside the plant since

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Finest treasure of the century found in Ireland

The Arish Government said yesterday that the treasure trove dates from the eighth century AD and consists of a chalice, a strainer, a large tray or paten, together with its stand and a large bronze basin which has protected the objects in the

The find was made about two weeks ago by a man, believed to be an Englishman, with a metal detector.

The collection has been described by Mr Brendan O'Rindain, director of the National Museum of Ireland as for a limited period from today. the objects require sophisticated conservation, a process which it is earimated will take at least a year. The in an attractment will be carried out in trainin.

scribed the chalice as similar to fer than the chalice which was the Ardagh chalice which has either late eighth or early been listed as the most heatiful ninth century. The date at chalice in the morid. "We are chalice in the morid the find cealed is not yet known.

Dublin

A chrice similar to the magnificent Ardagh chalice, and a number of gold, silver, and gilt broade objects have been found at an analysis objects have been found at the lrish in the passures. This find certainly gives archaeologists, historians some hope for future finds. He was particularly pleased, he said, with the discovery of the paten as there was none with the Ardagh chalice.

The Irish Government and a contract of the century.

tensive areas of its surface are gilt. The handles and their decorative escutcheous are especially elegantly ornamented. A band of panels of gold filigree and amber study encircle the bowl of the chalice immediately below the rim. The underside of the base is also

decorated. ..

The strainer is made of gilt bronze and is in the form of a ladle. The paten is a large cir cular plate or tray of complex construction and it has suffered more than the other objects a "freesure of Ireland". - Mr from the passage of time. The charles, Haughey, Prime Min-stand of the paten is a circular band, the outer surface of which and it will be on view in the interlaced designs and magnifi-public at the museum in Dublin cent rectangular glass settings with silver grilles. The basin which had covered the finds in the earth is made of beaten bronze; it is undecorated and in an advanced state of deterio-

The Government said that the The location of the find is new discovery added signifi-being kept secret because of cantly to knowledge of early the fear that measure hunters Irish metalworking in the would damage it. Further exeighth century Preliminary ex would camage it. Further exceptions are in take place at amination suggested that the the size to establish the archeological context of the finds same time and that the strainer Mr O'Riordain yesterday de and paten were somewhat earlier than the chalice which was



wished to continue its work, out. But the hospital's area donations nationally. French Academy elects woman

Margarer Yourcenar, a Belgian born citizen of the United States, has become the first to be elected to the French Academy. The propsal last year that she should he invited to join the most eminent writers of French, created considerable contro-versy. She has been granted cock said: "Up to now things

Gas monopoly challenged

Radical proposals to break the British Gas Corporation's mono-poly are being considered by Energy ministers after a recom-mendation from the Chemical Teduration Association, which is Industries Association, which is concerned about the corporation's ability to meet industry's

Power workers' pay: Unexpectedly swift settlement gives 93,000 electricity supply electricity supply es a 19 per cent employees a 19

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36 arrested as police have been very reasonable but indications of the last few days

some pickets are determined to break the law irrespective of

lines in the area in which one policeman was badly injured and 36 pickets arrested. His allegations were strongly challenged by senior officials of the Iron and Steel Trades

Mr John Foley, divisional officer of the union, said they would make an official com-

police.

Mr John Woodcock, Chief Constable of the South Wales Constabulary, said yesterday doubt by frustrations."

At Swansea, Police Constable Constable

fractured as violence erupted when the driver of an empty the consequences.

His comments came after an angry day on the steel picket enter the Gowerton iron and steel works.

picket were also injured. Siz pickets were arrested.

were being prevented in leaving with their vehicles.

the dispute began.

the people who are helping others in **Britain and all over** the world

Only one aid organisation is recognised and allo wed to operate all over the world. The Red Cross.

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tax advantages to U.K. residents of a bequest to charity. Name Address
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£250,000 public appeal for new heart transplants gives boost to hospitals' future programmes

By Frances Gibb

The future of heart transplants in Britain was given new hope yesterday after the National Heart Research Fund launched a public appeal for E250,000 for the operation.

The fund, a charitable trust based at Lytham St Anne's, has launched a public appeal for £250,000 for the operation. The fund, a charitable trust based at Lytham St Anne's, has already given £50,000 to Papworth Hospital, Cambridgeshire, where six heart transplant operations have been carried out. The hospital's area health authority has said there will have to be more money for more transplants to take place. The five trustees of the fund, which has financed heart rewhich has financed heart re-search for 13 years, said in a statement that they had decided it was desirable that they continue to support heart transplant programmes, and had therefore decided to extend their appeal for funds

No hospitals have been meutioned, but Papworth is likely to be a beneficiary. It is also possible that one of several

forthcoming.

Cambridgeshire area health authority has already but before the regional health authority a programme for eight further heart transplants, which it costs at £157,000 at 1979-80 prices; with parients staying in for 90 days.

Of this, £125,000 is the additional cost (on top of ordinary hospital costs) arising purely from the heart transplants, making a cost for each patient of about £15,000.

So far transplants at Papworth have cost about £5,000 each. In future they are likely to cost more because no extra staff or facilities have been

There is about £12,000 left, after paying the salaries of two

the Government agrees our programme, if Papworth is ap-proved as a heart transplant centre and if we are offered

the money, we would, of course, be very pleased."
Grants by the National Heart Research Fund amount to \$150,000 a year, which it hopes to maintain as well as funding heart transplants. heart transplants. Killingbeck Hospital, Leeds,

yesterday denied strongly that it was a possible beneficiary of heart transplant funds. No request for funds had been made and none had been offered.

The Government had dis-couraged any new hospital from starting heart transplant pro-grammes and the hospital would not move from that policy un-less there was a change of direction at national level.

Newspaper denies phoning donor's family

London Evening News, yester-day denied a claim by an MP in the House of Commons that his newspaper had telephoned the family of a girl heart donor even though they had requested

even though they had requested anonymity.

Mr John Parr, Conservative MP for Harborough, made the allegation on Wednesday when he introduced a Bill to protect the anonymity of donors of human organs. He cited the case of Carol Morris, aged 16, a Leicester girl killed in a motorcycle accident, whose

heart was received by Mr Nigel ing News until after it had al-Olney, aged 35, of Leighton ready been reported in the Buzzard, Bedfordshire, and morning papers, Mr Kirby said. Buzzard. Bedfordshire, and alleged her family had under-

gone "persecution in the media".

Mr Kirby said that at no time on the day the operation was amounced was the Evening News aware of the donor's identity. No staff member telephoned Miss Morris's family, and no one was instructed to act on its hehalf to make such act on its behalf to make such

vestigate newspaper coverage and conduct in the case in view of the serious public interest it

Mr Kenneth Morgan, director of the Press Council, said last night that Mr Farr told the House that he and the donor's father, Mr George Morris, had formally complained to the No mention of the donor's Press Council. No such comidentity was made in the Even-plaints had yet been received. Press Council. No such com-

Electricity workers win authority Bill to go 19% deal

By Donald Macintyre Labour Staff

Union negotiators represent-ing 93,000 hourly-paid electricity supply workers yesterday reached an unexpectedly swift settlement yielding a 19 per cent wage increase.

The deal offered by the Electricity Council is made up of 17 per cent together with another 2 per cent which effectively recognizes past improvements in productivity and man-power. Some 60,000 jobs have been shed since 1969.

The deal, which will run from March 17, includes additional increases in shift and standby premia and in travel and other allowances. It will almost certainly push up average earnings for the industry overall by more

Mr Roger Farrance, Elec-ricity Council member for industrial relations, who told the unions that the industry was facing severe financial constraints, said after the talks that electricity prices were unlikely to rise further because of the increase since wage rises were taken into account in

Isle of Grain crisis: Unions and employers are to hold a critical national level meeting today after TUC intervention in the dispute threatening completion of the £560m power station at the Isle of Grain, Kent.

The six-month dispute over bonus payments, and involving 27 laggers, is threatening the jobs of more than 1,500 workers at the site. The laggers, mem-bers of the General and Municipal Workers Union, have re-fused to accept a limit on bonuses of £2.60 an hour.

Senior officials from the GMWU and the Transport and General Workers Union, which is also party to a national laggers' agreement, are to attend hastily convened talks of the Thermal Insulation Contractors joint industrial council.

NUR's 2 Oper cent claim: The National Union of Railwaymen yesterday submitted its annual pay claim which demands a deal in line with the 20 per cent-plus increase won by the

Rippon call for local

By George Clark Political Correspondent

Conservative backbench resentment against the Local Government Planning and Land Bill showed itself again in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon after the standing committee proceedings of the Bill had been brought to premature conclusion in the morning.

Mr James Callaghan, Opposi-tion leader, thought it amazing that progress on the Bill—the committee had just reached clause 29—should be halted be-cause the Minister of State for Local Government and Environment Services, Mr Tom King, could not say definitely that the clauses on the rate support grant and other financial matters would remain in the Bill.

Members of the committee, including Mr Roy Hattersley, who is leading for the Opposi-tion, knew that Mr Michael Haseltine, the Secretary of State for the Environment is still engaged in discussions with the local authority associations, who are opposed to the Government's proposais.

Labour MPs suspected that the Government did not want to proceed because they were hoping to reach agreement with the local authority associations in time for an announcement by Mr King when he addresses the Conservative Party's local government conference in Car-ton Hall, Westminster, to-

Under pressure from Labour MPs, Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Leader of the House,

said it was reasonable for the

the first people to be told when a decision was made about local government finance would be members of the Commons, provided the House was sitting.

Environment, weighed in with a blockbuster of a question.

He asked the Government to consider again withdrawing the Bill completely "bearing in mind that the financial provisions, as now drafted, are unworkable and are now the sub-ject of further discussion with the local authorities; that the planning provisions are inaderate and ought to be in a sepstate Bill, and that the provisions relating to the Urban Development Corporation mani-festly ought to be in a hybrid the Lord Chancellor described once as 'an elective dictator-

Reference to "hybridity" set ears a tingling because it was that principle, found in the shipbuilding nationalization measure introduced by the last Labour government, which ended in the ship-repairing sections of the Bill being dropped.

minister to ask for the adjourn-ment of the committee.

He gave an undertaking that

That seemed to allow a loopthat seemen to allow a hosp-hole that would enable Mr King to make the Government's revised proposals known first-at the party conference. Then Mr Geoffrey Rippon, QC, MP, for Hexham, and a former Secretary of State for the

When a Bill is declared hybrid the Private Bill procedure has to be adopted,

Whitehall union urges action over pay By David Felton

abour Reporter

The second largest Civil Service union is recommending its 105,000 members to take industrial action over the Govern-ment's "intransigence" in pay negotiations.
Ministers discussed Civil Ser-

vice pay at vesterday's Cabinet meeting, but no decision was reached on the cash limit to be set for increases and Whirehall sources said that it was unlikely that an announcement would be made next week.

The executive of the Society of Civil and Public Servants held an emergency meeting yesterday and decided to "propose that industrial action should be taken" and to ask members to decide on the issue

at meetings next week.

Leaders of unions throughout the Civil Service are
worried that the Government will impose a cash limit of about will impose a cash limit of about 14 per cent for pay rises, compared with the 18 per cent to 20 per cent increases which are suggested by evidence from the independent Pay Research Unit.

The society said last night:

"The executive is going for contingent authority to take action. We are saying that we think the situation has come to the point where we have got to the point where we have got to make clear to ourselves and other people that we are going to take action unless the there are improvements in negotiations over the next week or so " Union negotiators claim that the pay talks with the Civil Ser-vice Department have virtually come to a halt because of the department's reluctance to negotiate in view of the immi-nence of a cash limit announce-

The main sticking point has been differences between the unions and the department on evaluation of fringe benefits enjoyed by employees in private industry with whom civil servers are compared. When vants are compared. When agreement is reached on their value the amount is deducted from the figures produced from the pay research evidence. Last year selective industrial action by the society closed the VAT computer at Southend



The Prince of Wales trying his hand on the firing range after opening the new Croydon police station yesterday.

Councillor cleared of corruption

After a retirement of nearly even hours at Preston Corwn Court, Lancashire, yesterday a jury of six mem and six women found Frank Lofthouse, aged 53, former chairman of Lancashire police authority, not guilty

of corruption.

Mr Lofthouse's co-accused, Michael Barrett, aged 46, a builder, was also cleared of an allegation in connexion with a house purchased by Mr Loft-house when chairman of the planning committee of the old Poulton-le-Fylde, Urban District

The first summons against Mr Lofthouse alleged in 1972 while a member of the planning cited or agreed to receive a re-ward, the sale of a detached house at a price substantially under market value, for show-ing favour to a planning appli-cation by Neteby Properties Ltd.

The second summons related to the house in Thorneycroft, in Fleetwood Road, Carleton, near Blackpool, and development permission involving an alleged deal with Mr Barrett. who was accused of offering the house below market value

Afterwards, Councillor Loft-house said: "It has been a most tranmatic experience. He said he intended to carry on in

Mr Barrett, who lives at Little Poulton Lane, Poulton-le-Fylde, said that his solicitor had instructed him not to say anything He added that he was delighted with the result. John Chartres writes: The charges against Mr Lotthouse come before the courts during the course of nearly four years of three successive inquiries

areas of Lancashire, where the investigations began in July, 1977.

1976. Then a Blackpool police officer, Det Sergeant Harry Roby made a formal complaint against Mr Stanley Parr, then the Dichief Constable of Lancashire, during a routine inspection of and the force.

the force.

That led to the Lancashire police committee, of which Mr Lofthouse was then chairman, asking Sir Douglas Osmond, Chief Constable of Hampsbire, to conduct an inquiry into "certain matters within the personal jurisdiction of the chief constable."

and wider" police inquires were necessary and this work was undertaken by Mr Peter Imbert (then deputy Chief Constable of Surrey, now Chief Constable of Thames Valley).

Summonses were issued against Mr Lofthouse and Mr Barreit last year, and Mr Imbert's team completed its inquiries.

Sir Douglas and officers from his own force spent about

sent a report to county hall at Preston; and a copy to the Dir-ector of Public Prosecutions. That report appeared in full in the Lancashire Evening Post in February, 1977, and the newspaper was criticized as irresponsible by Mr Loftbouse.

A complaint made by his police committee to the Press Council was rejected.

In 1977 a tribunal headed by Mr Patrick Benoent, QC, considered a total of 37 disciplinary charges against Mr. Pars and

charges against Mr Parr and found proven 24 of them alleg-Poulton-le-Fylde, Urban District into alleged corruption in ing discreditable conduct and Council. Mr Justice Mais dis- Elackpool and surrounding two alleging falsehood. Mr Parr charged them both. areas of Lancashire, where the was dismissed in December. In April, 1978, Mr Merlyn

Recs. then Home Secretary, anounced in the Commons that the Director of Public Prosecutions had decided that "further and wider" police inquiries

Negotiations on steel to reopen on Monday

An early end to the national pect last night than at any time since the British Stetel Corporation was closed by industrial action nearly ten weeks

ago. Steel union leaders who have drawn up a new peace initia-tive are to reopen serious negorive are to reopen strong on inations with the corporation on Monday. An agreed draft settle, ment drawn up by all 13 unions in the industry and which does are the industry and which does are the industry and which does an the industry and which does not contain a specific pay aspi-ration will be on the table, but it is understood to be negotiable within a 14 to 18 per cent range of increases, dependent upon the scale of consequential job reductions demanded by the

corporation.

The talks will take place as British Steel announces the result of the first secret ballot of suit or the tirst secret bailor of workers mounted by a state em-ployer since the railwaymen's vote of 1973 ended in failure for British Rail and the Govern-

The few indications there are The few indications there are of the progress of the ballot suggest that it will fail to 1.3-vide the clear cut mancate sought by the corporation.

Mr William Sirs, general secretary of the main union in the dispute, the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, said yesterday: "I trust that the new draft agreement agreed by all steel unions will be treated with care.

Monday, if British Steel shows the sam elevel of incompetence, the unions will have no option but to call jointly for an urgent and wide-ranging inquiry into the management." Union negotiators are a looking for a formula that alolw discussions at local to on manpower cuts rather concede managerial freedor impose lower manning level the steelworks.

The gap between the ides was reemphasized relevision confront a television controls
between Mr Sirs and
Charles Villiers, chairmen
British Steel on Thames
vision Mr Sirs argued

monetary gap between:
unions' proposal and the
poration's last offer, but
Charles reiterated the con
tion's insistence on getting
agreement that would industry's working practic "Unless we get that chi we are going to be costing public £1bn a year for in ment and losses", he said.

The gap between the the draft agreement. We British Steel wants to use word "must", the unions pose "may"; and where Br Steel prefers "commit" unions offer only "agree.

This is the kind of differ identified by Sir Charles night as the basis of the unions" "right ripoff"
January, 1976, agreement

signed to reduce manning and which never worked. The unions may be pre take their version of industry's future manpowe quirements to a for mof artion if Monday's talks is reach a solution.

Ballot paper forgeries put on show

From Ronald Kershaw Rotherbam

Attempts by the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation strike committee to discredit the British Steel Corporation's baliot, which asks whether strikers want to vote on its pay offer, took a new turn yes-terday when the committee demonstrated that forged ballot papers could be produced with limit difficulty.

Mr Keich Jones, strike co-ordinator, produced ballot forms similar to the ones issued by the Electoral Reform Society but over-printed with the word: "Trade union forgery". He said that action had been taken because of reports of four ballot papers going to one men's home, and a union official receiving a ballot paper aithough he was not employed by the corporation.

"We are tware that there are plenty of ballot papers for anybody who wants them", he said. "Through an intermediary we have confirmed that the Electoral Reform Society have no objection to any number of ballot papers being returned. We could send 50 in one envelope and they would be counted. We could flood this ballot with forged ballot papers and nobody would know difference. He said there was no sugges-

tion that the corporation was using forged ballot papers.

The Electoral Reform Society said an exact replica of any the corporation had shown printing was difficult to produce. There could be tiny points about to close, a further 25 of difference which people sufficient stocks to last handling thousands of ballot only between one and inquiries two months ago, of difference which having submitted a number of handling thousands lengthy dossiers to the DPP. papers would detect.

'Cover up charges are denied

By Peter Hill

Industrial Editor Allegations that the Go ment and industry were volved in a "cover up" o effects of the steel strike denied last night by the federation of British Ind and the British Steel Lion.

randum leaked yesh appears to provide some for the allegations levelled terday by Mr William Sirs, eral Secretary of the Iron Steel Trades Confederation In a radio interview Mr claimed that the strike was ing down industry and the CBI was involved in a spiracy of silence.

"It is not being public because of the Governmendeavour to break the union movement

Mr Bryan Rigby, de director general of the said that it would be impos for the CBI to involve its a conspiracy of silence it was impossible for comp to conceal whether people at work or not.

However, the BSC last to confirmed the authoricit an internal memorandum Mr William Richardson senior member of the cor tion's sales team, to Mr Go Sambrook, the BSC's com cial managing director.

The document, dated ruary 28, noted that a su of 208 campany customer the corporation had shown 46 had closed down or sufficient stocks to last

Woman falls to death after raid on flat

Contempt Bill postponed

By Our Political Correspondent ing to boycott the proceedings Ministers confirmed last night that there is unlikely to be parliamentary time for the recess. The Government's businessed Bill reforming the law on contempt of court to be passed by Parliament this published in the early summer, when it may be discussed on

Police launched a murder hunt last night after a mother of three fell 30ft to her death rom the window of her second floor flat.

Police said Mrs Maria Vieira, aged 35, of Saltram Crescent, Maida Vale, porth-west London, was either pushed by three intruders who ransacked ber home or jumped in terror. Her son, aged 16, was forced into

Education Bill changes tabled by Government Continued from page 1

The Government had already survived one Conservative revolt in the Comons by offering a concession. Now it can claim that in giving education authorities the power to charge for school transport it is pro-viding four important safe-guards for families.

They are: Education authorities will be able to operate only on flat rates of charge that are not related to the length of journeys or the type of school

They will have to charge the same rate whether the school attended is nearest to the child's home. Not more than two children in a family can be charged.

Children travelling free will continue to do so if their

parents are in receipt of supple-

mentary benefit or family

income supplement.

content with the latest conces-sion: "I am disappointed it does not go the whole way", he said in an independent television interview.

Ministers were surprised by his reaction Rarely does the Earl Marshal, who has the chief role at state ceremonics, enter into political in-fighting, but on this occasion he has indicated that he is deeply concerned about the effect of the Government's charging pro-posals on denominational schools and on families living in rural areas.

He said that he would move his amendment as planned. It is possible, judging by reactions among peers, that some mem-bers of the House who might have supported him will drop out, but the vote will still be a "very close run thing".

Opposition peers will be out full strength to support the

loophole

By Our Local Government

Since the right of tenants to buy their homes is fundamental

that right. Mr John Stanley, Minister for Housing and Construction, said yesterday, in answer to a parlia-mentary question, that a general consent allowed councils

He said that under the Bill

Minister closes in Housing Bill

The Government yesterday closed a loophole in the Housing Bill that might have precluded the right of tenants to buy their council house if the council transfered their home to a housing association.

to the Bill, the Government to concerned that technicalities should not deprive them of

to sell council houses in general improvement areas, housing action areas and priority neigh bourhoods to registered hous ing associations.

tenants of housing associations, which were charities, would not

interests

Today

in exposed places, temp 8" or 9°C (46" to 48"F).

Sun sets:

5.52 pm
District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Iccland: Rather cloudy; showers or longer outbreaks of rain, snow on high ground, wind W. veering NW, fresh or strong, max temp 7°C (45"F).

ME England, Borders, Edinburch and Dundee: Bright or burch and Dundee: Bright or Sun rises: Sun sets: 6.33 am 5.52 pm

Lighting up: 6.22 pm to 6.0 am

High water: London Bridge, 4.49
am, 6.8m; 5.11 pm, 6.8m. Avoomouth, 10 am, 12.3m; 10.12 pm,
11.8m. Dover, 1.42 am, 6.2m;
1.55 pm, 5.9m. Hull, 9.11 am,
6.6m; 9.18 pm, 6.7m. Liverpool,
2.01 am, 8.5m; 2.09 pm, 8.5m.
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A deep low will transfer E
across the British Idea.
Forecasts for 6 am to midnight.
London, SE, E, Central, N England, East Anglia, Midlands:
Bright or sunny intervals and
showers, heavy and prelonged at
times. Wind W, moderate or
fresh veering NW, strong, max
temp 7° or 8°C (48° or 46°F).
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of rain or showers, heavy and
thundary at times, some bright or
sunny intervals, wind W, veering
NW, strong to gale, severe gales

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Outlook for tomorrow and Sun-day; Rather cold, with showers, chiefly in the N and E; night frost. · Sea passages: S North Sea t Wind SW, fresh or strong, veering

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sh, showers; sn, snow.

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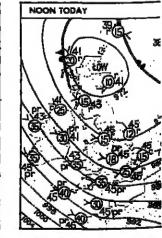
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C. ney. Shetland: Rather cloudy, rain at times, spow on mountains; wind mostly NE, fresh; max temp 5° or 6° (41° to 43°F).

Argyll. NW Scotland: Rather cloudy, outbreaks of raid, snow on mountains: wind S or Siv, moderate, soon veering N, increas-

ing strong later; max temp 6°C (43°F).



Strait of Dover, English Ch nel (E): Wind SW, vecring N strong to gale, perhaps sev strong to gale, perhaps sey gale; sea very rough.
St George's Channel, Irish St Wind NW, strong to gale, it haps severe gale; sea very rou NE England, Borders, Edin-burgh and Dundee: Bright or sunny intervals and showers, some more prolonged rain later, wind W, moderate, veering N, fresh, max temp 7°C (45°F). Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Ork-ney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, rain ar times, Stow.non montrains.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to pm, 10°C (50°F); min 6 pm 6 am, 6°C (43°F). Humidity, pm, 83 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.26in. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 1.26in. Sun,



A legislative log-jam is build-ing up in the House of Lords and Labour peers are threaten-Transport Bill may not help rural services

By Our Transport Correspondent

The effect of the Transport Bill could be directly contrary to Mrs Margaret Thatcher's declared intention to support the needs and aspirations of village communities. Mr Ronald Whittle, vice-president of the Confederation of Eritish Road Passenger Transport, said

operators their biggest oppor-tunity and challenge for years,

to provide new services and attract new traffic, Mr Whittle

conceded at a CPT London

marginal rural services. The Bill gave bus and coach

By Cur Labour Staff The chairman and secretary of a union branch at the Min-istry of Defance have been told they are to be stripped of office because they asked for public funds to carry out a postal ballot of the branch membership on industrial

when it may be discussed on

second reading, and having to

be reintroduced in the next session of Parliament.

whittle, vice-president of the Confederation of Eritish Road Passenger Transport, said yesterday.

Big operators, with their profits "creamed off" on trunk routes, would pull out of marginal rural services.

action.

Mr Tom Lawton, chairman, and Mr Phillin Taylor, secretary of the 250-strong branch of the Society of Civil and Public Servants (SCPS) have been called to appear before the union executive later this month to explain why they action. should not be banned from holding office now and in the

Both are planning to fight the issue. Mr Taylor, a leading member of the Tory Bow Group and a prominent Conservative trade unionist, said last

Union officials to fight threat of losing office

utter rubbish." The controversy started lost summer when the union sent out a circular to members on manpower cuts being planned by the Community by the Government.

Mr Taylor claimed that the circular asked whether mem-bers were prepared to take in-dustrial action to fight the cuts. Because there were strong feelings in his branch against taking action, he was asked by his members to see if a ballot could be held.

He wrote to Mr Francis Pym, Secretary of State for Defence, asking for funds to finance a postal ballot. Mr Pym said this would be impossible until the Employment Bili became law. "That was the end of the

matter as far as I was con-

night: "The charges made cerned, but the union now against me are complete and seems to be saying to me that I cannot approach any MP or Secretary of State without their permission", Mr Taylor said. He claimed that a letter from Mr Gerry Gillman, SCPS general secretary, which set out the reasons for his dismissal from office, made clear that he had not breached any union rule, but had broken union "conven-

tions. Mr Taylor said he was also asked by the branch to write to other branches in the Ministry of Defence to gauge their feel-ings and he had been told by Mr Gillman in the letter that this, too, was a breach of union

It is understood that the

union was critical of Mr Taylor's activities in Conserva-

ministry's manpower planning division. He said that the circular was received after "a bitter pay dispute" which his members were prepared to support at the time. However, there was no support for industrial action to fight manpower cuts. A union spokesman said last

there are very many people who are prepared to support me in my fight against the union decision", said Mr Taylor, win

is aged 26, and works in the

night: "There is no question of expulsion from the union being raised. The matter is being dealt with in strict accordance with the society's rules and constitu-Any further comment would be predjudicial to these tive trade union organizations. memb members receiving a fair hear-

Weather forecast and recordings



Moon sets : Moon rises : 9.1 am 11.43 pm Last quarter, March 9. Lighting up : 6.22 pm to 6.0 am

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Tax allowances for commuters and early morning cheap fares advocated to halt decline of services

The Braish commuter is is becoming more and more suffer.

generally worse off than his difficult to afford... The counterpart abroad. He pays It adds: "A wholesale exodus added, that travelling to work higher turns, receives less sub by commercial organizations added, that travelling to work sidy from the taxpayer and would leave a burden of susciness in the many of his contrained upon the domestic maintaining your job."

The public transport relief on travel costs.

These are among the main system has no future if passenconclusions of a 14-month in gers are lost in great numbers quity into the plight of the and we believe that there is captive morether, the and presently a risk that this will vidual dependent on public happen on an increasing scale."

transport to reach his place of the report also recommends employment by the City of changes in the fare structure. Westimuster Chamber of with reductions for under-18s Commerce

The report, which is being sent to the Freasury and other ministries as well as many MPs, talls for the introduction of tax relief for communing Basic rate relief on travelling expenses over £100 a year with a maximum allowance of £300

will continue.

Describing the proposals as modest and practical, Mr. Robert Stevens, vice-chairman out, about two thirds of central of the chamber and chairman of the chamber and chairman of the working party that proposals aged 19 and duced the report, said: "The to under these most vulnerable easiest thing in the world is to make the phurden of several hours a day travelling often in uncomfortation." relieve the purchas on communities, mare of them will give up would qualify for a tax-free the hequial struggle and the bonus.

Describing the proposals as public transport will continue.

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From Our Corresponden

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dirty conditions, at a price that as a

tions. . . The public transport

The report also recommends. changes in the fare structure, with reductions for under-18s and for early-morning travellers who arrive at their destinations before 8 am, and proposes representation of commuters on the main and regional boards of British Rail and the board of London Transport.

Basic rate according to the services of the se parsons and a national come stations and other travel points parsons and a national survey and would cank as payment on of 17,000 commerces in five account towards the cost of cities Hondon, Glasgow, Man. a season ticket. Holdings above chester, Birmingham and Car a certain amount, f50 for diff, the inquiry concludes example, would qualify for the inquiry concludes that unless steps are taken to season ticket discount and car-relieve the burden on commu-tificates held for three years ters made of them will give up would qualify for a tax-free

The chamber wanted the

cularly into London, now amounts to about a fifth of after-tax income for the lower wage earner, the report says, although the share of travel costs has risen for all income groups. The survey, held last April, showed that 69 per cent of commuters earned £5,000 a

Public transport costs have also outstripped inflation. While consumer expenditure on goods and services rose by 162 per cent between 1970 and 1978 and private motoring costs by 164 per cent, bus and coach travel rose by 207 per cent and British
Reil costs by 253 per cent.
The inquiry examined nine
other countries and found that

all but the United States pro-vided some form of tax relief on commuter travel. The British traveller's fares made up 68 per cent of revenue, the highest proportion of the countries sur-

veyed.

The report also points out that while use of public transthat while use or public trans-port has been increasing in Britain, it has been increasing in most other countries. That is not con-nected with increasing car ownership, it says, and appears to have its cause in fares. "In most other countries, the real cost of fares is lower than in Great Britain; and in most other countries, in contrast to Great Britain, the real cost is



Spring ploughing on Mr Geoffrey Morton's farm at Holme, Spalding Moor, near York. Minister tells

Pilots demand North Sea safety code

Air Correspondent The British Air Line Pilots lation to improve the safety of helicopters operating in the North Sea oil industry. The

association said yesterday that the lack of a code of practice could reduce safety margins. "Flight safety is all about closing the stable door before the horse gets out", an association official said.

Helicopters operating over the North Sea had a good safety record, but in some respects

they had been extremely lucky, operator in the North Sea. "To the association said." its credit, it operates to the More than two million pashighest possible standards." sengers a year fly from Aberdeen and Sumburgh, in the Sherlands, to the rigs, mostly in 26-seater Sikorsky S61N twinengine helicopters.

tion authorities to accept in technical arguments aimed at improving safety, particularly in the period immediately after a helicopter had taken off. The association said that it had no quarrel with British Airways, the largest helicopter

acceptable co le of practice.
The Civil Aviation Authority said yesterday that it had set up The association asked aviaa joint working group to examine the situation, A call by the association for

cabin attendants to be carried on some North Sea operations is likely to be heeded by the

that it was vital. Offshore safety, page 23 People in the theatre and the

People in the theate and the arts in general should continue their campaign. He said: "It is no good directing it against me because I am convinced of the rightness of their cause."

the rightness of their cause."

Mr St Jobn-Stevas, speaking on the BBC 2 programme, Newsweek, said VAT had exacerbated things but the difficulties of the theatre were more profound.

He said: "The whole of the West End theatre is facing a

arts to keep

By Our Arts Reporter

fighting VAT

Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Arts, said yesterday that he could not see the theatre being exempted from value-added tax unless the Chancellor of the

unless the Chancellor of the

Exchequer could be convinced

West End theatre is facing a crisis which VAT does not make better, that does not rating for VAT would not cure. The difficulty is that the whole thrust of this Government is to shift from direct to indirect taxation; they are very nervous about exemptions.

Two found in bed lose college rooms

Two students caught naked together in bed were ordered yesterday to stop living at their college, but told that they could continue their studies

there. A disciplinary panel at War-wickshire Agricultural College gave its decisions after an hour's hearing.

from Fox, aged 19, and Gill Perkins, aged 20, were found in bed together by a senior college warden. The incident broke governors' rules, a Warwickshire County Council wickshire County Council education official said yester-

day.
The panel decided that the couple, who were suspended on Monday, should remain suspended until next Monday, but pended until next Monday, but they must leave their hostels in the grounds of the college by 5.30 am on Tuesday "sub-iect to the discretion" of the

college principal.

Asked if he thought that the punishment was severe. Mr Frank Beetham, Warwickshire's assistant education officer for secondary and further education, said: "The panel is there to enable the college to run properly.

properly.

"It is properly run and we must make sure it goes on running properly so that young people are in a position to complete their studies. I think the verdict seems perfectly proper."

The incident was "an absolute aberration" and "out of character" for the college. of character" for the college. Boys and girls were banned from each other's rooms and everyone knows the rules".

Mr Beetham said. A senior education official said: "Accommodation rules are essential when catering for are essential when catering for young mixed students. I do not think that parents of 17-year-old girls would thank the county council if it tolerated a registered establishment where there was general forplication. there was general fornication going on."

The couple who were found

ar 9.15 am last Sunday in Mr Fox's room, were said to have accepted the decision of the panel which comprised goveruors, staff and students.

mors, statt and students.

They had feared that they would be expelled, but it is understood that their parents spoke for them at the hearing. They now have to find alternative accommodation, but it cannot be fear acres. cannot be far away because students have to be up at 5.30 am to milk the college cows.

Safe-breaker Students' union ranks split over 'unrealistic claim' for 36% grants rise She also thought the union's been taken "because this uni- steeply and food and travel

jogged away from failure

Dissension has prisen in the National Union of Students (NUS) about the wisdom of a claim for a 36 per cent rise in student grants which is being pursued in a day of ection night crying to break into a steel and concrete reinforced safe, made himself inconspict-ous when he left the premises

today.

The NUS wants a minimum weekly grant of £51.25 (£63 in London) for all students, as well as vacation and equapment

the grants system to advanced

Miss Anna Soubrey, the only Conservative member of the NUS executive, said yesterday NUS executive, said yesterday that she thought the union's claim was wholly unrealistic. "The besic increase in grants is not the main problem. The NUS should concentrate on trying to abolish the parental means test, which Mr Mark Carlisle; the Secretary of State for Education. is very sympa-

pursuit of such unrealistic goals would encourage the growing trend among universities and colleges to disaffiliate.

Already this year students at Reading and Dundee universities and King's College London have voted to leave the NIIS have voted to leave the NUS. Students at Kent University voted against disaffiliation on Wednesday by 461 votes to 115. Mr Richard Turnbull, vicechairman of Reading University Conservative Association, said

versity pays £17,500 a year to the NUS and we felt we were

ment will just laugh when they see a claim for 36 per cent." Conservative Association, said ularly in London, half of encourage the disaffiliation decision had residence charges have risen approach

costs are soaring. Without a substantial increase in the main grant and immediate moves to assist hard-pressed parents there is a serious danger that many people will not be able to complete their studies."

Mr Phillips, who yesterday led a deputation to put the union's claim to Mr Rhodes Mr Trevor Phillips, president union's claim to Mr Rhodes of the NUS, said: "inflation is biting hard into students' pockets. Rents are rocketing, particularly in London, half of encouraged by Mr Boyson's encouraged by Mr Boyson's

Lady (Elizabeth) Mitchell,

sare, made masser monspice ous when he left the premises by joining a group of early morning joggers, the preservition said at Gloucester Crown Court vesterday. David Barber, aged 28, attempted to break into the safe of the Co-op store in Cheltenham, Mr David Morris, for the Crown, said. He holed the last steel barrier but as he reached inside he heard a chick and the door opened it had been unlocked all the time. Mr Banber made his sees more depressing discovery there was nothing in the safe. He packed his tool kit and left the store. It was stready daylight He joined the joggers to escape. Mr Morris and that at the 12544.60 after the tribunal Youth hostels man awarded £2,544 over dismissal

£2,544.60 after the tribunal decided that his reinstatement would be inappropriate.

to escape.

Mr Morris said that at the time of the raid, Mr Barber was on half after being arrested while trying to smaggle £4,000 of morphine through Heathrow airport, London, from India.

Mr Barber, of Nortolk Crescent Barb, was jailed for six years after be admitted evading drug farport regulations, burglary and reckless driving. Mr Sanith, aged 35, of Berry Road Dulwich, London, said he resigned. From his job at the Southempton Street YHA branch after senior management ignored his reports that thou-sands of pounds of stock were disappearing.

Mr Peter Dely, the deputy work.

A former stores supervisor general manager, assaulted him for the Youth Hostels Associa when he reported some missing when he reported some missing stock, he said. Before he resigned he was so worried about the losses he developed nervous heart trouble. He lost two stone in weight.

Mr Graham Baldwin, former assistant manager, who joined the company after Mr Smith left, said he investigated losses. His inquiry led to Mr Daly's dismissal and prosecution. Two other men were

security claims, was sentenced at Birmingham Crown Court vesterday to three years' imprisonment.

years if was stated.
The court was told that a
woman with whom he had been
living at the time dishonestly.

Three years' jail for benefits fraud

A former accountancy obtained a further 59,000, the student who was said to have proceeds of which he also probably enjoyed.

a systematic and professional guilty to the specimen course of dishonest social charges of fraudulently obtains security cleams, was semenced to Health and Social Security to three years by deception.

Three years' jail for benefits fraud

he collected a Giro cheque at the Small Heath employment the Small Heath exchange in Birmingham. In a Volkswagen car outside was found a bag containing seven memployment benefit cards, three NHI cards and four rent benefit of Health and Social Security by three years' by deception.

yesterday to three years by deception yesterday to three years by deception.

Manuel Kuforija Ijoma had secution, said the defendant used 13 different names and 12 used about 13 false names and used 13 different names and 12 used about 13 false addresses to obtain the money a number of false addresses over a period of almost three speciall rented for the purpose and also used a number pase and also used a number of false National Insurance worker with whom he had been cards. Mr liona was arrested after

found two more social security

Mr Ijoma had been due to spoest before the court last was eventually sentenced to borstal training, but he absconded and was arrested in

Government lifts maternity grant restrictions

By Pat Belly
Social Services Correspondent
The configurace stage of the
Social Security Bill was completed last night after nearly
90 hours of discussion and the
imposition of a guillotine in the

The Bill emerged virtually unchanged from committee, except for a concession by the Govern-ment that from November the 22 paternity grant will be paid to mothers without any contri-

ourion conditions.

The Government has agreed, nowever that some of the regulations that will be made under the Bill will be subject to full parbanement scrutiny instead of going through on the nod as originally intended. There may also be some

changes at report stage, due on March 18, affecting the new Sociel Security Advisory Committee, which will replace the Supplementary Benefits Comission and the National Insurance Advisory Committee in November

Advisory Committee in November.

The Bill proposes three main changes. First it will end the earnings link for pensions and other long-term benefits and index them in prices only.

Second, it will reform the supplementary benefits scheme by changing in benefits scheme by changing in legal basis and reducing distriction.

Third, it will take the first steps towards introducing equality of treatment for men and

ity of treatment for men and women in some parts of the social security system, in line with an EEC directive signed in November, 1978.

'Sus law' again condemned by magistrates By Our Legal Correspondent

The "sus law" was unsatisfactory and often caused concern to magistrates, a Home Office select committee has been told by the Magistrates' Association.

The association repeats in a memorandum to the committee its proposal, first made in 1975, that there should be a separate offence of "interfering with motor vehicles or their contents" and that the law of attempt (to commit an offence) should be improved and clarified.

It declined to give oral evidence because it had not had the opportunity recently to canvass the views of its 23,000 members on the workings of the "sus law".

Consumer groups attack milk import ban lead to a cut in consumption of the end of doorstep deliveries.

By Hugh Clayton

Agriculture Correspondent Consumer groups said yester day that imported milk could undercing the home produced pint by as much as 2p. They rejected the claim by dairymen that imports were a threat to.

Macintosh, chairman of the Scottish Consumer Council, said: In no other field that I can paink of is there a virtual ban on imports because of reasons of hygiene

CEGG (UK), an unitrella organization of more than 20 consumer groups, was giving evidence to the Commons Select

the end of doorstep deliveries.

Miss Joan Maynard, Labour
MP for Sheffield, Brightside,
said: "Choice is a myth, really,
I suggest to you that old people
on an icy, foggy morning do
not prefer to go to a shop, but
if they go to a shop it is
because it is cheaper in the
shop."

consumer groups, was giving because it is cheaper in the doorstep deliveries.

Mrs Kate Foss chairman of evidence to the Commons Select Community Group (IJK), said Committee on Agriculture. The Committee on Agriculture. The Committee on Agriculture. The Mr Thomas Torney, Labour MP for Bradford, South, said insile to Britain are in France, the country under attack for the country under attac



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Top security prisons among 25 affected by industrial action

Prison officers are taking industrial action at 25 establishments, the Home Office said yesterday. They include five top

security prisons.

Mr Peter Rushworth, deputy general secretary of the Prison Officers Association, said yesterday: "The level of industrial action is a barometer of discontent which exists in the workforce. It is quite clear that Mrustice May's inquirer which was Justice May's inquiry, which was intended to correct defects of the prison service, has failed to

attain its purpose." attain its purpose."

The inquiry was set up in November, 1978 after prison governrs in the Sciety of Civil and Public Servants told the Home Secretary, then Mr Merlyn Rees, that total breakdown was imminent in the prison

The action being taken by officers varies, but they represent symptoms of frustrations which the service is suffering: too many prisoners in too many old jails forced to contain mur-derers who might once have been hanged and criminals who had been involved in increas-ingly violent crime. At seven prisons the regime of the in-mates is affected, the Home

At Manchester and Wakefield officers have refused to man evening classes for prisoners, while at Gartree officers are ending at 8 pm evening association by prisoners allowed out of their cells which should con-

tinue until 9 pm.
At Ranby, officers are delaying the start of prisoners' vocational training courses in cater-ing, and at Thorp Arch, Yorkshire, they are refusing to carry out extra evening duties.

At Bedford, officers are limit-ing the intake of extra staff until beter facilities for immates are provided. At Leeds (a men's prison) a woman instructor arrived for work yesterday and again faced an empty classroom as she has nearly every day for a year. The men, who claim their dispute can be justified by the Sex Discrimination Act, refuse to man the workshop because they say she could be at risk from long-term violent

written Commons answer, Mr Leon Brittan, Minister of State, Home Office said all efforts to lift the ban had

Some of the officers say they are being less favourably treat-ed than others. The dispute is complicated by the fact that payments are retrospective and accurate records are not always available. I understand the sums discussed could be as much as £1,000 to £1,500 for some

Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, Labour MP for Ormskirk, and chairman of the parliamentary allparty penal affairs group, said last night: "The sanctions currently being applied hurt noone but the prisoners, make no impact on the public, and leave the Home Office untouched."

Speaking at a meeting organ-ised by the Howard League for ised by the Howard League for Penal Reform he suggested it would be "reasonable and proper" for officers concerned about working conditions to refuse to admit further prisoners once the certified normal accommodation had been reached. Many local prisons held nearly double the number they were designed for.

BBC board is impressed by protests over orchestra cuts

By Kenneth Gosling
The BBC Board of governors,
at their fortnightly meeting yesterday, held a long discussion the corporation's proposals for saving £130m but, as expected, made no decisions. expected, made no decisions.

It is understood that they brought themselves up to date on reactions to the economy plan, which will mean the loss of 1,500 jobs, and that they were particularly impressed by the way the public has responded to the proposal to disband five of the BBC "house" band five of the BBC "house" bordestras.

Radio 4 World at One programme yesterday that urgent discussions were going on to find other ways of financing the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestras to prevent its disbandment.

If a consortium could be put together for that purpose, he hoped the BBC would take some share in it. "T orchestras.

There will be no final deci-sion on any of the proposed cuts in radio and television for

some time, although it is known that the BBC is anxious to get the plan through this month if possible. Mr Roger Young, national

governor for Scotland, said on Radio 4 World at One pro-

Health executive calls for report after journal says study was suppressed

'Liver damage in herbicide plant workers'

The Health and Safety Executive has asked for medical research reports on the risks to workers in the manufacture of the herbicide 24,5-T from the Coalite and Chemical Products. Company, Bolsover, Derbyshire.

Although the company stop-ped making the substance after the accident at Seveso, Italy, the request has been made because of allegations in the current issue of the magazing Nature that studies showing an increased chance of heart and liver damage among those who had worked at the factory have been suppressed.

The danger comes from the dioxin (2,3,7,8 — tetrachlorodi-benzodioxin), which is an inter-mediate compound formed in the manufacturing process but that remains in small amounts in the finished product.

The position is complicated because the safety issues are split between the Health and

Safety Executive on the manufacturing side and the responsibilities of the Pesticides Advi-sory Committee of the Ministry

of Agriculture covering the risks to users in agriculture, forestry and local authorities.

Since Coalite and Chemical Products stopped manufacturing it in 1976, the executive is not leavely empowered to demand legally empowered to demand publication of the investiga-tions made subsequently by the

In fact the studies were made largely at the suggestion of the executive after the accident at Seveso, and they cover workers at Bolsover between 1968 and An anlysis of 126 people was

made of whom 41 were known to have been exposed to the dioxin, 54 might have been and 31 formed a control group. The article in Nature says the results showed a greater incidence to liver damage and high dence to liver damage and high cholesterol levels among those exposed to the dioxin. But rone of this information has been

Factory Inspectorate.

But the reassurances it gives are at variance with the claims made for the findings of the made for the indings of the unpublished work carried out by Dr Jenny Martin, lecturer in occupational medicine at Manchester University, and a consultant chemical pathologist at Chesterfield Royal Hospital.

The toxicity of the dioxin was documented in scientific literature even before the inci-dent at Seveso. In fact one of dent at Seveso. In fact one of the key papers on the subject was written, after a fire in April, 1968, at Coalite and Chemical Products, in the British Journal of Industrial Medicine, by Dr George May, describing 79 cases at Bolsover of chlorectic caused by the of chloracne caused by the

Many of them were severe, but Dr May said none had developed at that time more

An abbreviated form of the report was given to one of the unios at Bolsover, the Association of Scientific Technical and Managerial Staffs, and to the Recommendation of Scientific Technical and malignant disease that were known risks.

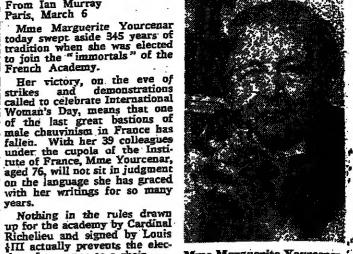
The same paper describes how the dioxin can be accidentally produced in a chemical reaction in which the temperature and pressure in the re-action vessel are allowed to rise above strictly controlled limits. If temperatures are exceeded in the manufacture of 2,4.5.T the final product can be contaminated with up to 60 parts per million of the dioxin.

[Coalite would not make any comment last night.]
Herbicide ban: South York-shire County Council yesterday banned the use by its employees of 2,4,5-T (the Press Associa-

tion reports).

The council, which has been using the chemical mostly for clearing scrub on reclamation projects, followed. Somerser's

The chemical which contains the dioxin has been blacked by the Trades Union Congress.



controversy over her nomina-

It was only last year that M Jean D'Ormesson, the journalist and writer who is one of the youngest members of the academy proposed the name of Mme Yourcener and when he did so, he unleashed such a torrent of abuse that he finished by walking out of the great meeting room under the cupola and slamming the door behind him.

tion of a woman to a chair.

WEST EUROPE

French Academy.

etrikes and

years.

345-year reign

of male chauvinism

French Academy ends

M Andre Chamson, a fellow writer and academician, ex-ploded in an interview shortly afterwards that he did not like these "spoilt children of the fashionable republic in which we live who want to have us taken for old "schnocks".

Traditionalists like M Cham-son argued that they were not against women, but that for a writer to win their place among the immortals, they had to both be a master of their craft and

Mme Yourcenar, who was born in Belgium, voluntarily renounced any claims she had to French citizenship when she became an American citizen in 1947. Therefore M Alain Peyrefitte, who spares some time from being an immortal to hold down the exacting government post of the Keeper of the Seals and Minister of Justice, was entrusted with the task of finding a way to give her a French He found tht under the code

of nationality it was possible for a person to requality for French citizenship provided he or she retained cultural professional or family links with France. The writer accordingly went to the French Consolate in Boston and made a declaration that she wiseld to obtain French nationality on these grounds and this was duly granted to her last December.
All Mme Yourcenar's writing s set against an historical background spanning many cen-turies and she is now working on the last part of a trilogy along an historical theme. Her literary pedigree has

Mme Marguerite Yourcenar; been well-studied and approved over the three months since she was proposed as a membe of the academy and, until las month it seemed she would be elected unopposed. Then M

turned by the media into a battle of the sexes. When the vote was announced: "Marguerite Your cenar 20 votes, Jean Dorst 12 votes." Nobody clapped and th immortals stood fidgeting with their ties on the staircase hoping that the press would go without

Jean Dorst, Director of the Museum of Natural History,

put his name forward and the election immediately was

which way they had voted. But down below in what were during the Revolution once the dungeons, and where young secretaries now work, all was excitement. They ran around shouting. "She's won. She's shouting. "She's won. She's won." One of them said: "Now I suppose I shall have to read one of her books."

Less joyful celebrations by. over the next two days by left wing political groups in France headed by the Parti Socialist Unifie. As preparation for International Women's Day they are calling on all women to go on strike of a particularly unpleasant kind.

Shopgirls are being told not to smile, wives are being urger to wear no make-up and to put on their drabbest clothes and no jewelry. For two days al, nen in France have been called on to go over from dumb resistance to declared re

With all this outburst of female chauvinism going on it should still be recalled that a man, M. Michel Droit, the man. M michaet invitation novelist and journalist, was also elected today to join the immortals at the French

BR pension fund lends painting to gallery

By Geraldine Norman
A still life painting by the
great French eighteenth-century
actist Jean-Baptiste Chardin goes on view today at the National Gallery. It has been received on long-term loan from the British Rail Superannuation

Ever since the railway pen-sion fund began to buy works of art on the edvice of Sotheby's, museum opinion has been split on the desirability of taking loans from such invest-ment-oriented purchases. This is only the second painting that the National Gallery has taken on loan from the fund; the first was Tiepolo's "The Miraculous Translation of the Holy House of Lorents" of Loreto "

The Chardin is a brilliant oil on canvas, depicting a dish of oysters, a bottle, a wooden pepper pot and other objects on a stone ledge. It demonstrates the kind of simple realism for which Chardin is famous; the National Gallery does not own a still life by him. The British Rail Superannua-

tion Fund has owned the painttogether for that purpose, he hoped the BBC would take some share in it. "I am not without hope", he said.

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Jean-Baptiste Chardin's "Still-life with a dish of oysters and a bottle", which is on longterm loan to the National Gallery.

According to a well-informed trade source, the painting was in the collection of the late John D. Rockefeller. He sold it just before he died, reputedly British Rail to the important through the agency of Eugene Chardin exhibitions in Paris and Thaw, the New York dealer. Boston last year. It had already

The price is said to have been modest; a figure below £200,000 is spoken of.
The painting was lent by

National Gallery, according to Mrs Edelstein. The gallery suggested that it would be more sensible if the painting came to it after it returned from those two exhibitions.

Control unit prisoner 'not himself'

The sister of a prisoner held in one of the experimental prison control units was so worried about his state after her first visit, that she imme-diately sought legal advice, the High Court was told yesterday.

Mrs Mollie Newell, giving evidence for her brother, Mr Michael Williams, who is suing the Home Office over his stay in the unit, said that when she went to see him on September 28, 1974, he was "very upset": She had been told that she must not ask about the unit so she talked about family

"I could tell there was something wrong with him. His eyes welled up with tears and he seemed to have a lump in his throat. It seemed like he wanted to tell me something, but could not", she said.

"When I got home I just broke down and cried to my husband. I took steps to get advice on his behalf on the following Monday."

He seemed equally depressed at all subsequent visits, and did not seem to be himself even when he left the unit at Wakefield after 180 days and went to Parkhurst Prison, she

Mr Williams, aged 39, who left prison last month on parole from a 14-year prison sentence for armed robbery, is suing the Home Office for false imprisonment and is seeking a declaration that the control unit regime, which was abolished in 1975, was unlawful. The case continues today.

Actor to pay his debts in full

Wilfrid Hyde White, the actor, aged 76, is wiping the slate clean in his bankruptcy. All his tax debts will be paid in full later this month and he is expected to apply to have the bankruptcy proceedings annulled.

When Mr Hyde White, who lives at Palm Springs, Cali-fornia, went bankrupt two years ago, it was estimated that he owed more than £12,000 to the Inlaud Revenue; the claim has been reduced to £9,980.

From Our Correspondent

Reading
The Thames Water Authority.

the largest in Britain, was not breaking the law by spending £4.500 of ratepayers money on

tickets and donations to Henley Royal regatta, it was announced

yesterday.

Despite objections to the

authority's accounts from Reading Ratepayers' Association,

Mr Alex Kappler, the district tion, said yesterday:

their case to inquiry

From a Correspondent

public inquiry into the National Coal Board's plan to mine coal in and round the Vale of Belvoir started yesterday to hear the dents most directly affected by the £760m project.

Hundreds of local people who attended the inquiry at Stoke Rochford Hall, near Grantham, heard Mr Peter Boydell, QC, claim: "There is no need to turn a pleasant piece of England into an industrial area." The plan to extract 510 million tonnes of coal from under north-east Leicestershire would

result in creeping dereliction in an area of valuable and produc-tive farmland, said Mr Boydell, who is appearing for the Alliance, an organization representing 30 parish councils, 350 farmers and more than 4,000

The prospect of three mineshafts, spoilheaps and a massive increase in traffic was obnoxious and intolerable, he The inquiry heard that the

main objectors to the proposals had apparently moved from outright opposition. Although the Alkiance wants the Inspector, Mr Michael Manu, QC, to recom-

£4,500 paid to Henley regatta was legal

At the public inquiry last

January a complaint was made that the authority had no right

to spand £4,500 on donations

and tickets to the regatta, or

£56,000 producing a company

Mr Patrick Bailey, secretary

auditor, decided the authority comes as no great surprise. The is released officially ".

The coal should be won with methods "compatible with the retention of the vale in its rural condition", he said. "A refusal might be a spur to technological

Objectors are particularly angry at the proposal to create three enormous spoilheaps at Hose, Asfordby and Saltby. The coal board is under pressure to take the waste by rail to derelict claypits in Bedfordshire.

Mr Boydell told the inquiry that mining would have an adverse effect on the vale as a tourist and recreation area. Belvoir Castle, a grade one listed building and the home of the Duke of Rutland, was visited by \$5,000 people a year. The vale attracted a quarter of a million isitors a year.

Mr Ron Orchard, the coal board's subsidence witness, said that the board was prepared to leave a pillar of coal worth tect it from subsidence.

There was a discreet police presence at the inquiry and there was none of the disturbance and heckling associated with motorway inquiries.

Rapist has jail People in Third sentence cut World duped by three years

A 12-year jail sentence on a man who held a teenage girl captive in his caravan and raped her 14 times, was reduced to nine years by the Court of have been involved in a giant international confidence trick Appeal yesterday. Mr Justice Kilner Brown said it was difficult to imagine a more terrifying and evil case of ape. Most people would regard the 12-year sentence passed on Gra-ham Stewart Anker, aged 23, of Magazine Lane, Wisbech,

Cambridgeshire, as entirely appropriate.
In view of Mr Anker's age and the fact that it was his first prison sentence, the court, with considerable reluctance, allow-He was said to have adverconsiderable reluctance, allowed his appeal and reduced the term to nine years.

The Judge, sitting with Lord Justice Donaldson and Mr Justice Wood, said the police went three times to the caravan before Mr Anker surrendered.

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was acting within its legal law states that this sort of

of Reading Ratepayers' Associative decision tomorrow when the said yesterday: "This the district auditor's full report

by job promises From Our Correspondent Maidstone A man who was alleged to

was jailed by Judge Edie at Maidstone Crown Court, Kent, yesterday for five years.

Louis Arnot Jean Germain Daems, alias Dubois, aged 41, a Belgian national, of Gloucester Terrace, London, was found guilty by a 10-2 majority of six offences of dishonestly obtaining money by deception. He was recommended for deportation.

tised that for payment of average enrolment fees of £27 each

spending must be proved illegal, not just extravagant.

"We are hoping to get this law changed so the district auditor can make a ruling on whether he believes there has

been unnecessary and extrava-

gant spending."

The authority said: "We

will be issuing a statement on

Belvoir residents start to put Unionists launch pamphlet protest joint talks with Westminster on promoting peace in Northern a "final" political settlement. ireland the Dublin Government

concerted international reply.

British embassies and consu lates will shortly receive the first instalment of 10,000 leaflets countering the republic's instructions to its foreign dip-lomats to promote the Fianna Fail cause of a voluntary united

Iceland. The blue pamphlets bear a nap of Ireland with the Union Jack occupying the north-east corner. They are entitled: "Diplomatic Offensive against Northern Ireland: Some Factual

The party says 1,000 British embassies and consulates will get the leaflets to inform them of the true position after the call by Mr Charles Haughey, the republic's Prime Minister, for

From Our Own Correspondent

Belfast The most important single

The most important single body advising on the protection of human rights in Ulster yesterday criticized its own terms of reference in a report to Mr Humphrey Atkins, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

The Standing Advisory Com-

mission on Human Rights said in its fifth annual report: "Our

press conference in the Glengall Street headquarters of the Official Unionists in Belfast. Mr Smyth was especially con-cerned about the impact in

ment's diplomatic initiative. He thought there might be an attempt to get a commitment from the next United States Presiden to take an initiative on Northern Ireland. "There is in some great a naive idea that Northern Ireland remains part of the United Kingdom because of the force of arms of the British Army", he said.

The party's pamphlet is steeped in historical justification. Under the subheading of

"The Dublin Government's found abandoned on the Ulster position" it asserts: "Far from side of the border.

mend against mining, Mr Boydell made it clear that it was
not suggesting that mining
should never happen.

The coal should be won with

The coal should be won with restrained organizations promoing violence in Northern Ire land from behind the republic's frontiers." Farmer murdered: Gunmer

murdered a farmer as he fed his cattle at a lonely spot north the Irish border yesterday. Mr Henry Livingstone, aged 36 from the small village of Tynam, co Tyrone, resigned as a part-time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment last year. He was working at outbuildings one and a half miles from his farm when the killers struck. Police believe he was attacked by three men with automatic weapons. They automatic escaped in his car, which was

Human rights body seeks wider powers upon any aspect of the law affecting Northern Ireland and the manner in which it is administered by the various

We must demonstrate to the public of Northern Ireland that we are independent."

Mr Atkins is due to meet the commission today. The com-mission is acutely disappointed that many of its recommenda-tions have been ignored.

terms of reference should be

Lord Plant, the commission to be revised before the widened so that we can as of chairman, was cautiously critimission can actively tackle right examine and comment cal yesterday of MPs for not important problem areas mission can actively tackle the

taking sufficient interest in the commission, whose report for the year ended October, 1979, will be debated in the Commons in about five weeks.
The report said: "We should statutory bodies and agencies. be empowered to comment on any subject of public concern where the liberties of the individual are affected, thereby giving the people of Northern Ireland confidence in our role. It is necessary for the remit to be revised before the com-

Mr Rees 'staggered' by number of police investigated by Operation Countryman

By Craig Seron
A new debate has started on
the progress and potential
effectiveness of the Operation Countryman inquiry into alleged police corruption in London, after a suggestion by Mr Arthur Hambleton, the former Chief Constable of Dorset, that between 20 and 25 of the 80 officers were were under investigation could face

prosecution. Mr Merlyn Rees, ho estab-lished the Countryman inquiry when he was Home Secretary, said yesterday that he was "staggered" by the number of officers alleged by criminals to he corrunt be corrupt.

At the same time th office of the Director of Public Prosacu-

tions sought to distance itself from Mr Hambleton's remarks by stating that it had received reports about only 10 officers. Four had been charged and in the other cases there was in-sufficient evidence to justify proceedings.

Mr Hambleton, who was in overall charge of Countryman and effectively its adviser until he recired last week, was rebuked by Sir David McNee and Mr Peter Marshall, com-missioners of the Metropolitan and City of London police forces respectively, for his number of officers under in "dangerously premature" re-vestigation, but at the end of the

yesterday and cast same doubt on his decision to give the job to a police force from outside London. Countryman was headed by Mr Leonard Burt. assistant chief constable of Dorset, until his recent temreturn to the county

Mr Rees said he had been right to have an outside force to investigate alleged corrup-tion, but added: "I have always had slight doubts about it be-cause it is extremely difficult for provincial forces to come into the Metropolitan, with 22,000 men, and find their way

He said: " I would have had no doubt that the Metropolitan could have done the job them-selves." When he was asked if informers would still have spoken up if the London force had carried out the inquiry, Mr had carried out the inquiry, Mr lack of progress was some form Rees said that was one of the of obstruction from London reasons why it had to be from officers.

Asked about Mr Hambleton's remarks, he said it was against tradition to speak while an in-"staggered" by the gress so far."

vestigation, but at the end of the

many would face prosecution. He said: "If it is 40 or 25 it is far too many and it has got to be rooted out." Mr Hamblethat Countryman was going to be pursued to the end and des-pite all that bad been said there would be a satisfactory con

Mr Rees said he did not think there was a need for a national anti-corruption squad. Asked about a public inquiry, he said he wanted to wait to see what came out of Countryman and what the Home Secretary told

Mr Jonathan Aitken. Conservative MP for Thanet, East, who has closely followed the Countryman inquiry, said yester. day that recent events were a cause for concern. It would be an over-simplification to say that the only cause of the operation's

He said: "I have gathered there are internal weaknesses in Countryman investigating force itself which are also the vestigation was going on. He too cause of the disappointing pro-

Drunken skiers are creating problem for rescue squads Saalbach, Austria, March 6.- their reckless runs, the biggest

Drunken skiers are an increasing problem on the mountain slopes of Europe. Although a jolly bunch on a restaurant terrace, they are creating head-aches for rescue authorities.

Some are so drunk that they are unable to ski down the mountain and have to be "rescued" by ski patrols.

"What used to be reserved for après-ski has become part of the day's routine", Herr Werner Binder, director of the mountain rescue squad at Saalbach, 44 miles south of Salz-burg said. "About four of the 15 accidents we see on an average day are caused by drink." The problem of drunken skiers, once almost unknown in Austria, has become worrying

Austria, has become worrying in recent years, according to a young ski patrolinan at the rescue station. "Skis and schnaps have become as closely connected here as boots and bindings." "Most skiers just can't imagine anything could happen to them after a few drinks," he said. "But we see their falls,

their broken bones. Every now

and then we have also to gu up the mountain to fetch some-

one who's just too boozed up to ski down." Volunteer rescue squads such as the one here do not keep statistics on drunken skiers, but most estimates support Herr Binder's impression that alcohol accounts for about one-quarter of Austria's 80,000 ski accidents

worry for the rescue squads, is that they can crash into others. "They usually but the innocent Sunday skier far more" A. than they injure themselves,"
Herr Binder said. Some skiers who realize they have had too much to drink witch to small wooden sleds for their last run of the day. Instead of reaching their botels

they often crash the sleds, hard, to steer even when sober, into trees or streems along the mountainside. Broken often result. Herr Binder said that the number of ripsy skiers seemed equally divided among Sast-

bach's Austrian and foreign visitors, with one excepton. "The Swedes seem to arrive runk," Herr Binder said. Then they drink our 80 per cent rum straight until the inevitable accident occurs."

Except in the western province of Vorariberg, where special ski patrolmen watch for irresponsible behaviour on the slopes, local authorities are powerless to do anything about rbe problem. Even if a serious accident

occurs, the courts have none of the legal weapons, such as breathalyzers and drumken driving regulations that they use against intoxicated motorists. Herr Binder said that tighter

laws would probably not be very effective against all the annually.

While many drunken skiers kiosks dotting hurt only themselves during slopes.—Reuter. restaurants, mountain huts and kiosks dotting Austria's ski

Red faces as fans of 'the Greens' meet From Our Own Correspondent Paris, March 6

When it comes to football
"the Greens"—as the club at
St Etienne are affecionately
known—is the French equivalent of Manchester United in emotive drawing power.

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Among its facts are both M Francois Mitterrand, the Socialist Party leader, and M Georges Marchais, the Communist Party leader. The two former "team mates" on the left wing of French politics both went to St. Etianne yesterday to watch heir UEFA Cup match against Münchengladbach. To their mutual surprise and embarrass. ment they found themselves shown to seats a short distance

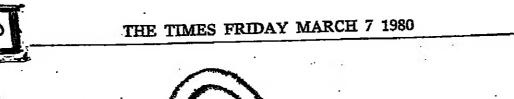
For the sake of appearances they exchanged a quick hand-shake—and then found seats as far apart as the stand would

French ruling appears to recognise PLO From Our Own Correspondent

Paris, March 6 The Paris Assize Court gave what amounted to legal recog-nition of the Palestinian Libera-tion Organization in France yesterday. The court decided that since the French Government had allowed the organization to open an office in Paris in 1975, it had the right to expect the protection of the law.

But the PLO was refused the right to give evidence at the trial going on of the two men accused of murdering Mr Izzidin Kalak, the PLO's French representative, in 1978. In the court's view the murder of Mr Kalak did not amount to personal and direct material damage " to the organization and therefore it coul not be represented as civil party in the case.

The trial is expected to end



The last 20 years have seen Britain tapidly lose face.

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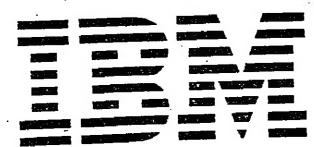
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More held in Italy's scandal

From John Earle Rome, March 6

Signor Mario Pennacchio, the chairman of the Savings Bank of Puglie, was arrested here today as he stepped off an aircraft bringing him home from a visit to Thailand.

This brings to 40 the number of bankers and industrialists detained after dawn swoops on Toesday by police throughout the country in connexion with the embeziement scandal at the country the Cantral Institute. Italcasse, the Central Institute of Savings Banks.

Arrest warrants were issued for a total of 49 people, many of them heads or past heads of savings banks. They are alleged to have approved loans running into thousands of millions of lite granted without proper security during the years

Those of the arrested men who can stand the journey— several are elderly and in deli-cate health—are being brought to Rome, where an investigating magistrate started yesterday to interrogate them.

The arrests, besides causing consternation in the financial world, are bringing calls for a revision of banking legislation so that officers or board members of a public-sector bank—

[calcasse is considered a public.] not private institution—shell not automatically be thrown idto jail and be open to charges of embezzlement for approving an unwise loan.

The case has also focused attention on the malfunctioning of the savings banks system, for years under the political domination of the Christian Demo-

Out of 90 savings banks, the terms of office of 58 chairmen have expired. At the Ferrara Savings Bank, for instance, the chairmsu's appointment ended in August, 1967, yet he has con-tinued in office ever since.

Nixon visit to Paris

Paris, March 6.-Mr Richard Nixon, the former American President, arrived in Paris today on a one-day visit to meet European publishers of his new

Staff fight to retain Luxembourg venue for savings bank European Parliament

From David Wood European Political Editor The European Parliament bas now run into serious trouble with all its staff. Yesterday, the staff representative committee meeting in Luxembourg resolved not to attend the European Parliament meeting arranged for Strasbourg in July, and to stay at their "working places in Luxembourg".

ments of the parliamentary bureaux for a Strasbourg plenary session in July must now be in doubt.

Without interpreters and translators working in six Com-

translators working in six Community languages the Parliament, its managerial bureaux, and its committees cannot meet.

Members of the staff represenmembers of the start representative committee, who live and work in Luxembourg know that well, and they are determined to oppose the managerial bureau's decision to concentrate meetings for the vest of 1980, and perhaps for good, in Stras-

Meanwhile, the perliamentary bureau continues to consider the innovation of grand com-mittee meetings in Brussels to deal with the accumulating technical business. That would mean past of a second week out of Luxembourg each mouth In spite of a welcome salary increase that will come into effect when the Community budget for 1980 is agreed, it is clear that senior members of

allowing the Parliament to abandon Luxembourg as the Parliament's administrative Parliament's administrative headquarters and their home.

The possibility of a motion of censure on Mr Roy Jenkins, the president, and of the whole European Commission, was cautassed by Mr James Scott-Hopkins, leader of the European Democrat Group, at the close of a group meeting in London yesterday.

yesterday.

He said that at next week's plenary session in Strasbourg there would be questions to the Commission obliging either Mr Jenkins or Mr Finn Olav Gunde-lach, the Agricultural Commissioner, to remove doubt that subsidized butter will not be exported to Russia again afer the invasion of Afghanistan.

After a strong European Democrat motion passed by the European Parliament in Feb-ruary, the Commission has said that all butter exports to Russia will come under new guidelines. But the Parliament has not been told yet what the guidelines are. Mr Scott-Hopkins said yester-day, that if the subsidy exceeds, say, about five per cent at the expense of Community taxpayers, then the European Democratic Group, with Christian Democrat and some Socialis support, will move a motion of censure agains the Commission that would amount to a demand for the dismissal of Mr Jenkins and his colleagues en bloc.

New Christian Democratic secretary faces party split

Rome, March 6 Signor Flaminio Piccoli was early today elected national secretary of the Christian Demo-crats, Italy's biggest party which, in spite of intensive behind-the-scenes contacts

party congress here last month.
The party is split over its attitude towards the Communists in what is already being called the Dopo Cossign (Post-Cossiga) period when, as is widely expected, the minority administration of Signor Fran-cesco Cossiga falls.

There is no question of the Communists entering the next government, but the majority

ted along with the others, though the strict terms they would pose for support
Parliament are -unlikely
entice the Communists

throughout yesterday, remains split over its attitude to the Communists. He succeeds Signor Benigno

government, but the majority of the party want five-way (Christian Democratic, Republican and Liberal) consultations about the composition and policy of the next government, before any talks

The minority, grouped round Signor Zaccagnini and Signor Giulio Andreotti, the former Prime Minister, believe that this is discriminatory and the Communists should be consulted along with the others,

Zaccagnini, who resigned at the

Britain and France earn little from sheepmeat Nationalism rules in lamb stakes

From Michael Horosby Brussels, March 6 The highly publicized "lamb war" between Britain and France, with all the violent emotions it has stirred up on cither side of the Channel, is accounts for little more than two per cent of the value of total EEC agricultural output. Hardly, it might be thought, a casus belli.

Yet because of it France has become the first member state ever to refuse to obey a judg-ment of the European Court of Justice, thereby exposing the ebsence of any machinery for enforcing EEC law, while British ministers sometimes behave as if the French ban on our lamb imports threaten our

very economic survival. Of the EEC's total of 46 million head of sheep, 22 million are raised in Britain and 11 million in France. The only other significant sheep stocks in the EEC are found in Italy (9 million) and Ireland

In neither Britain nor France can the sheep industry be described as crucial economically. In Britain last year the value

farm income.

Earnings from sheep farming in France are equally tiny when set against those from the country's huge grain, beef and dairy

Socially and regionally, however, sheep farming assumes much greater importance. About 14 per cent of all French and more than 30 per cent of British farms are engaged wholly or partly in sheep raising, mainly in poorer upland regions such as the Scottish Highlands and the Massif Cen-

Last September the European Court ruled that the French ban on lamb imports from Britain violated the EEC's free trade rules and was illegal. Subsequently, the French replaced the bun with a no less illegal import levy against which the European Commission is now seeking emergency court action. The French claim that their

sheep farmers would be ruined if their more efficient counterparts across the Channel were allowed unfertered access to the high-priced French market.

of lamb and mutton output Before agreeing to free trade in amounted to no more than lamb, they want the same sort £320m, or 4 per cent of overall of protection that is offered by lamb, they want the same sort of protection that is offered by the EEC to other types of

farming.
The British adamantly refuse to consider even the most minimal kind of price support for sheep farmers, while the French have so far refused all proposals for other types of less onerous financial assistance from the

EEC budget.
The French also complain that a large chunk of the British alliance is enamoured of the division of responsibility laid down in the independence con-stitution between the President domestic market is taken by annual imports of 200,000 tonnes of New Zealand lamb, a conces slon granted at the time of British accession. The British and the Prime Minister as head of government. Both want an executive presidency, "We shall change this arrangement as are being unfair, they say, in wanting these imports and trying at the same time to unload home production on the French There is dissembling on the

quickly as we find it necessary to do so," a coalition source told The Times today. British side, too. Mr Peter Walker, the Agriculture Min-This reinforces the general ister, makes much of the undoubted gains that Britain's 80,000 sheep farmers would derive from free access to the assumption here that Mr Nkomo will not take on the presidency. The problem of what job to give him has not French market. He keeps quiet been settled in talks between the two leaders and their advisers which continued today. The likeliest possibility is that about the resulting higher lamb prices at home which would have to be paid by millions of consumers. he will emerge as Prime Minister, probably with a ministerial portfolio to accom-



Cuc was founded in 1955 and for more than 25 years was a lively guide to New York shows, films, cabarets, music and restaurants. In 1963, however, New York magazine invaded the field with a more sophisticated editorial approach, in tune with the times. Cuc suffered, and an editorial reorganization two years ago has The Pope shakes hands with David Niven, the British actor, whom he received at the Vatican yesterday with William Buckley, the American writer.

Dutch MPs pass wages freeze Bill

Amsterdam, March 6

In spite of strong opposition from the trade unions, resulting in strikes on Tuesday, the Lower House of Parliament in The Hague last night approved a new wages Bill, which will enable the Government to curtail wages until the end of 1981.

The House also supported government plans to cut public spending by a further 3,000m guilders (about 5675m) for the year. This plan led to the resignation on February 21 of Frans Audriessen, the Finance Minister, who was succeeded on Tuesday by Mr

increases caused by rising prices, through not taking into consideration the rising cost of energy.

As a result, the purchasing

power of people with an average salary of about 34,000 guilders a year will be cut this year by between 0.5 and 1 per cent, while the purchasing power of those with higher in-comes will be reduced by even The largest trade union, the Socialist Federation of the

Alfons van der Stee, until then
Minister of Agriculture and
Fisheries.

The Government can use the
powers granted under the Bill
to freeze wages and limit salary

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and further strikes were not

ruled out. Half of the 3.000m guilder cuts in public expenditure will have to be found in the budges for 1980. Another quarter will come from lower government contributions to social benefits and the rest from reductions on civil servants' salaries, health services and grants to local and provincial authorities. Mr Andricssen resigned because in his opinion, the cuts should have been at least 1,000m guilders higher.

skirmish From Sue Masterman Vienna, March 6 Viktor Korchnoi, the self-exiled Russian grand master, has won the first round in the war of nerves, otherwise known as the quarter final of the world chess championships, against his Russian opponent. Tigran Petrosian, the former world

OVERSEAS.

Korchnoi

wins the

first chess

In the Casino at Velden, the dignified holiday resort which nestles along the shores of Lake Wörther in Carinthia, luck alone letermined that he will be the first to play white when the tournament opens on Saturday. Since Korchnoi defected .to

the West in Amsterdam in 1976, his former Russian colleagues have shunned him. They have not been able to avoid him, however, in the world cup tournament. Two years ago he reached the final, only to lose after an endless series of matches, punctuated by incidents and strategic bouts of illness, to Anatoliy Karpov, the reigning champion.

Before Korchnoi's defection Petrosian, in 1974, threw in the retrosiat, in 1974, threw in the towel against him "for reasons of health" in a preliminary round of the world championship. Rivalry between Korchnoi on the one side, and other leading Russian chess players, presciplly Personal Various and Variou especially Petrosian and Karpov was given as reasons for Korch noi's flight to the West,

On Tuesday Petrosian and the Russian delegation arrived in Velden by train, Petrosian delivered a pithy statement to the effect that he would avoid all contact with his rival other than on the platform on the stage of Velden's Festival Hall, where the match will take place. True to form, Petrosian refused to attend a press conference today. Korchnoi, who rolled into Veiden by car from his pleasant Swiss residence on Tuesday evening, has been considerably

While Korchnoi appears con-

Hints of a change in

Rhodesian constitution

deserve.

more communicative up to now.
The organizers, however, are
more wary of his record as a
nervous performer than of

Salisbury, March 6 Sources within the renewed

coalition, formed yesterday bet-ween Mr Robert Mugabe and Mr Joshua Nkomo, to rule Zimbabwe after independence hinted today that the partners will make early changes to the Southern Rhodesian constitu-

tion.
The reconstituted Patriotic

Front Alliance will have a total of 77 seats, 57 from Mr

ters of the seats in the new

Neither of the parties in the

as constitutional head of state

pany the mainly honorific title. The Foreign Ministry is held

to be too much of a burden for a man of Mr Nkomo's age (be

is 63) and state of health and the post is expected to 60 to a

younger man.
The presidency is ruled out

because it is thought that to

confer it upon a man of Mr

Mr Murdoch

US magazine

From Our Own Correspondent

New York, March 6
Mr Rupert Murdoch, the Australian publisher, has bought Cuc magazine, a biweekly guide to New York entertainments. He plans to merge it with New York magazine, a weekly covering part of the same field, which he acquired from Mr Clay Felker in 1977.

Cuc was founded in 1935 and

organization two years ago has not helped much in reducing

its losses.

Mr Murdoch paid \$5m (about £2.2m) for the magazine, which lost \$200.000 last year. Other publications he owns here are The New York Post, an evening paper and The Village Vuice.

paper, and The Village Voice, which also reports on enter-

toinment but concentrates on appealing to young intellec-

He also has New West-the

West Coast version of New York-and The Star, a mass-

mainly in supermarkets and

specializing in features on dicting and the occult. In B-itain he owns The Sun and The News of the World.

weekly

tuals.

circulation.

buys ailing

House of Assembly.



the Hotel Zamonig, the Russian delegation have caused some upheavals in the more modest Hotel Hubertushof. According to the manageress

there, conversions have been carried out to meet the Russian contender's demands for a three-room suite with separate bedroom, living room and study. High class stereo equipment has been installed in the living room at his request. Petrosian has also demanded separate dining facilities with an adjoining television room.

More conversions have taken place backstage at the Festival Hall. Two separate retiring tent with the accommodation rooms, both precisely the same for him and his delegation at have been constructed, each

would lend the post, which is purely that of a figurehead, a

respectability it does not

Senior coalition officials con-tinued their detailed study of

the present government depart-ments here. Some ministries

may be scrapped or merged and

Front are fruitful. These are

expected to resume shortly.

as Finance Minister, but coali-

One thing seems clear from

One thing seems clear from today's soundings — the new coalition wants nothing to do with Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the former prime minister, whose UANC party won only three seats in the election, nor will it call upon other deaders whose parties failed to win any seats at all.

The Zanu (PF) central com-

mittee, the prime mover in the

process of determining the shape of the new cabinet, was

in session all lest night, met again until late tonight and will

returne tomorrow. Much of the

work is being done at Mr Mugabe's private house. He will see Mr Nkomo again tomorrow. Mr Mugabe conferred with

Lord Soames for more than au

hour today and formally pre-

sented a request that Zimbabwe should be allowed to join the Commonwealth. The request will be passed on to the Com-

monwealth Secretary-General with British endorsement.

Peking discipline call

Peking, March 6. - The

journal Red Flag has called for

with access to separate toilet facilities. On stage, the chess table has a partition fitted under it, so that the two cannot touch, accidentally or other-Petrosian and Korchnoi once

came to blows during a match in Italy when one classed that the other had kicked his shin.. The bullet-proof glass screen between players and audience which Korchnoi had demanded is not there. Its presence would is not there. Its presence would be against FIFA rules. Korchnoi claims, as he has frequently before, that the Russian delegation plants hypnotists in the public to interfere with his powers of concentration.

The public, which will pay £4 per session to watch the match in the hall, or £2 for access to the closed-circuit television room, will be issued with printed instructions emphasizing that one loud whisper or one false move will be enough to have them ejected.

to have them ejected.

As a special concession, Petrosian has been allowed to bring his wife, Rona with him to Austria. The last time she accompanied him abroad, in 1962 to Curçao, the success which brought him the world title began. Aleksandr Beilin, the leader of the Russian group, and Aleksandr Sutin. a grand and Aleksandr Sutin, a grand master, believe that she is a lucky talisman.

Mr Mugabe impresses **British MPs**

From Nicholas Ashford

An all-party group of six British Members of Parliament issued a statement roday say-ing that the amount of con-cessionary and needed by an independent Zimbsowe may well exceed the estimate of £750m over five years made in 1977 at the time of the abortive

new ones created.
Neither coelition parmer has Anglo-American initiative The six-Mr Peter Emery, Mugabe's Zanu (PF) and 20 of at least one white in the from Mr Nkomo's Patriotic cabinet, assuming that talks Front—more than three quarwith Mr Ian Smith's Rhodesian Mr Edward Rowlands, Mr Ivor Stanbrook, Lord Chelwood, Lord Fortescue and Lord Underhill-called on Britain to provide assistance to help the Speculation centres upon Mr country repair the damage David Smith, who may continue caused by seven years of war.

The group, which left for London tonight, will report to Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, on their impressions of the Rhodesian election. During their stay, they travelled extensively around the country and had three meetings with Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister-designate.

They also saw Mr Joshua Nkomo, leader of the Patriotic Front, Mr Ian Smith, head of the Rhodesian Front, and Bishop Abel Muzorewa, leader of the United African National

Both Labour and Conservative members were impressed by Mr Mugabe. They said his moderate statements should help to create confidence in the new Government, both inside the country and abroad.

The group was particularly reassured by Mr Mugabe's attitude towards the country's white minority. "He clearly wants to work with the whites and to encourage them to stay in the country," Mr Emery said. He also noted that Mr Mugabe gave them an assurance at a meeting this afternoon that standards of school education would not be allowed to drop. Chinese Communist Party That is a point of particular concern for whites. At the meeting. Mr Mugabe also emphasized his desire to see Zimbabwe become a memtighter discipline and ideologi-cal training for the 38 million party members. The journal lashed out at members who "cling to factionalism and put their interests above those of ber of the Commonwealth. He discussed that point with L. d. Soames, the Governor, this

Dismantling of security is under way

From Our Own Correspondent Salisbury, March 6 Mr Robert Mugabe, the Salisbury, March 5

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister designate of Limbabwe, today asked Lord Soemes, the Governor, to agree to the dismantling of the security measures as soon as possible, and found he was pushing at an open dobr.

No further national servicemen are to be called up for the time being, reservists are starting to return to work and military vehicles and heavy weapons are going back to barracks. The country has been remarkably calm so far.

In a few days the cutfew In reral areas will be abolished and martial law called off except in a few limited areas round vital installations.

Lieutenant General Peter

Lieutenant-General Peter Walls, the Rhodesian supreme commander, called on Mr Mugabi today for talks about the further integration of the security forces and the two guerrila armies.

A spokesman for Mr Mugabe announced tonight that one of the first acts of the new Government would be to disband the 26,000 security force

The blades drive a shaft du pokes through the roof to the sixth floor of the buildin where it powers a "wan twister", a belt-driven devic that heats water by friction Useful quantities of water ba been heated in experiments. Mr Martin Hoffert, a see tist on the project, said : the first time anyone anywhe in the world has actually man hot water by using energy fro

Inventor's

produces ho

New York, March 6

The country that brough you nuclear energy, Jumbo let and men on the moon magives you. the better wind mill. A ceremony in Manharts today was symptomatic of the new regard being paid to be elemental forces by scientist looking for alternatives to costly oil.

It was the dedication of curious rooftop structure the has puzzled passers by in the East Village area of the circumore than a year. The

for more than a year. The

metal pylon, with two the poking out of the back, crown

the Applied Science building.
New York University.

It is called the Lebost Win
Turbine, after its inventor, is
Barry Lebost. The dome has
hole in the front and the fir

turn it so that the wind blos into the hole, directing the maximum concentration of win

on to the metal blades of the windmill beneath it.

windmill

From Michael Leanman New York, March 6

water

hot water by using energy for the wind."

The device is 23 per ca more efficient than an ordina windmill, according to to scientists. While a convention wind turbine of the same a produces about 7,300 Briti Thermal Units (BTU's) an ho in a 15 mph wind, the Lebo rurbine produces 9,000 BTI an hour.

an hour.

That is equivalent to 1,2 gallons of hearing oil a ye. The scientists calculate the with oil at a dollar a gallo taking into account the trelief on energy-saving device such a unit could repay its castruction cost of \$15,000 (about 6,500) in six years.

Mr Lebost said that a custion in which he is now.

Mr Lebost said that a cap pany in which he is now partner will shortly be making the windmills coming cially and hopes to have the on the market within months. Their initial main the could be in small office buildings or blocks of flats, and dreams of seeing a furest his pylons and domes covering the cities before long.

cities before long. It could not be the or source of not water, becau when the wind drops below certain strength the mill do not turn. If plumbed into t university building's water s tem it could produce betwee 10 and 15 per cent of its it water needs. But Mr. Lebi said it could produce up to per cent of requirements places with plenty of wind

All new flights to US to go from Gatwick

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent
Britain and the United Stat
have signed a new aviati accord in Washington that w make Gatwick, the second Lo don airport, a major base f. services across the Nor Atlantic.

Both sides agreed that a new airline services betwee Britain and the United Stat-will use Gatwick airport. To agreement boosts the Brid Government's plans to relie pressure on effathrow sirpon

Mr Baker's withdrawal helps Bush candidacy

From Patrick Brogan

votes from the centre of the Republican Party, both of them suffering attrition from Mr John Anderson on the left and Mr Ronald Reabon on the

right.
Air Baker's departure will be followed by that of Senator Robert Dole (who has, in fact, already dropped out of the con-test, but has yet to announce his decision formally) and viving candic Representitive Philip Crane, out to the co That will leave two candinone of then dates on the right, Mr Reagan jority there.

and Mr John Connally, 3 Washington, March 6
Senator Howard Baker's decision to abandon the contest for the presidency, which he announced yesterday, is likely to help Mr George Bush the most. They were competing for the presidency of the contest too, will have to abandon the contest of the contest o

contest.
Mr Anderson is congressmater and both he and Mr Bush recall and both he and Mr Bush recall is seen to be seen to nize that they must do well Illinois if their campaigns at to survive. Mr Anderson is concentrating on Illinois

Mr Bush is campaigning South Carolina and in Florid It is possible that the three su not to the convention, and the

Commons to decide Britain's Olympic stand

By John Groser

Mrs. Thatcher's Cabinet, stung by the assertion of Sir Denis Follows that he and his British Clympic Association know better than ministers and MPs what is good for the company word respected predictable. mon weal, reacted predictably at its meeting yesterday by deciding that there should be week on the thorny issue of participation in the Moscow Olympics.

At Prime Minister's question

time in the House, Mrs Thatcher said that she had been astounded by what Sir Denis ad said in evidence to a Comons select committee She thought Parliament the best judge of the interests of the British people and aded: "It would be as well, the Leader of the House permitting, if we

Mr Norman St John Stevas, the Leader of the House said shortly afterwards that he was willing. The Prime Minister

very well knew—for she had herself chaired the morning Cabinet moeting—that Mr St John Stevas had told his ministerial colleagues to pencil in the debate in their diaries for

next Tuesday.

He did not, of course, tell the House that the debate would we beld next Tuesday, as suspense in these matters is of the essence. But he told his Cawinet colleagues that he felt it important to fit the desage it important to fit the devate inearly on as it was important to rthe nation to have an expression of the collective view of the Commons. At this stage, Government

business managers felt, it was not possible to dictate the form of the debate. Nor should there be premature decisions on the possibility of a free vote.

The feeling at the Cabinet were to have a de ate to make meeting had been that this was our views known." meeting had been that this was not a party issue, but a moral one. Some felt that a free vote would be the only proper one to

the Commons, Mrs

expressed her views to Sir Denis in "no uncertain way" in her letter to him. "I told him the Sovict invasion of by the people concerned them Afghanistan meant that for British athletes to take part in the games in Moscow this summer would be for them to seem loss, she added, neatly bracket to condone an international crime", she added. In another letter from the

In another letter from the Prime Minister's office, this one dated yesterday and addressed to a left-wing Labour MP, Mrs Thatcher said that the Government felt it a duty to discourage spectators from going to Moscow to watch the games if they go abead as planned. We are asking our athletes to make this sacrifice as citizens who should consider the implications of involvement in what would be for the Russians a political propaganda exercise. It would be illogical not to ask tourists to make their contribu-

tion by also refusing to attend ", she said in the letter. "We are, of course, only

Thatcher told MPs that she had advising an dthe decision, part cularly that of conscience, about going to Moscow must be taken by the people concerned them ing conscience and pecuniar

> German move: Herr Helmu Schmidt, the West Germal Chancellor, agreed with Presi dent Carter last night tha "participation in the Olympi Games would be inappropriate so long as Russian roop remain in Afghanistan (Parid Brogan writes from Washing

The joint statement put ou by the White House went of to say: "The Chancellor emphasized that it is up to the Soviet Union on create the conditions that athletes from all countries will be able to particountries will be able to participate in the Olympic Games and that at present such con-ditions do not exist."

for pop

singer in

Taiwan

From William Frankei Delhi, March 6:

India was convinced that the Soviet. Union had no interest in "threotening Pakistan's. in threatening Pakisian's security, Mr Ramehandra Daltatrya Sathe Todia's Foreign Secretary, said today. Eut he addectin an interview with The Times: "We can understand Pakistan's concern."

While it was natural that Pakistan should take steps to improve its defences, India was worried that piling up of arms would increase the danger of a super-power confrontation in the area

Mr Sathe, a civil servant, who led the indian mission to Pakistan last month, said that if Pakistan felt threatened on its North-West frontier, it had the option of moving troops from the Indian frontier. I told General Zia when I was there that he had nothing to fear-

Asked what India had to fear. from Pakisian's rearmament. Prime Minister, had the pre-the Foreign Secretary was at pains to point out that any might be said that the Russians unding activition of strength to had been forced to intervene Pokistan would alter the present balance of forces. Pakistan has about 19 divisions to the Russian action was justified.

India's coassline was vuiner-India's coastline was vilinerable and had to be protected, while it also faced 100,000. Chinese troops in Tiber Our clear that it wished the Russian ratio is not so heavily tilted that we endanger Pakistan's security, he remarked and thus might feel reassured and thus might seals grown rearrable than persuasion. They are there and that is the situation we have ro deal with. India had made it abundantly clear that it wished the Russian troops to be withdrawn but had not condemnation is less likely to bring about a positive result than persuasion.

possibly scale down rearms-ment if India were to declare that the protection of the integrity of its neighbour was a national interest. Mr Sathe a naminal interest was con-agreed that India was con-cerned that Pakistan's integrity be preserved but had made no public declaration to this effect because such a general statement might be construed as a change in India's position

been proposed during his visit. He saw arms limitation as only a partial remedy to the pro-lems, between the two coun-tries. The actual solution was in India's view," a no war pact which we have repeatedly offered Pakistan."

It had not been accepted be cause Pakistan feit, or had been conditioned to feel, that such a pact was against its national

India's policy after the "Russiani incursion" was an evolving one. Delhi had been taken by surprise, as had every one else, by the assassination of Amin and the Russian re-

informed me of their action, i expressed our anxiety at the possible repercussions. We experienced further anxiety at the reaction of the United States, which could have brought the cold war to our doorstep ... Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian

When the Soviet ambassador

India's 29 and 580,000 armed He was not prepared to offer forces compared with India's an opinion on the question of total of 850,000."

[University of 850,000 armed the was not prepared to offer forces. They are there and that is the

bring about a positive result than persuasion ". Mr. Sathe added that India
was emonuraged that President
Giscard d'Estaing and Herr
Schmidt, the West German Chancellor seem to have adopted a similar appreach.

Further support for Mrs Gandhi's policy was expressed to The Times by Mr S. N. Mishra, the Former External Affairs Minister. He said there was no similar to the control of on the Kashmir issue. was no significant opposition. The Foreign Secretary said within India to the Government's reaction to the Russian with Pakistan on an arms limit-

Park bodyguards

From Jacqueline Reditt

executed

Army colonel Park Hung. ju. sentenced to death for his involvement in the assassination of President Park Chung Hee in October, was executed by firing squad today in Seoul,

Colonel Park and five men from the Korean Central Intel ligence Agency, including Kim Jae Kyu, its director, were found guilty of murder with seditious intent and attempted rebellion on December 20. Appeals by the intelligence men against their sentences are pending with the Supreme Court but Colonel Park as an army officer on active service, was not given the right to appeal.

Colonel Park, who was 39. was formerly personal secretary to Mr Kim Jaer Kyu, who admitted por Am jaer Kyu, who admired plotting the assassination and shooting the President and his chief bodyguard, Mr. Cha Chi Chol, on October 26 in what he called an attempt "to restore democracy to this country."

The colonel was found guilty of carrying out an order from Mr Kim Jae Kyu to kill the President's bodyguards. It was alleged that he waited outside the agency's restaurant where the President was dining, and after the assassination, he and two other men opened fire on the President's driver, two of his bodyguards and two restaur-

He later assigned KClA agents to various strategic points of the city to check on possible. military .. movements and organized private telephone calls between Mr Kim Jae Kyu and Mr Kim Kae Won, the President's chief secretary, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for his part in the plot. In a separate case, General Chung Seung Hwa, the former Army Chief of Staff, went on trial yesterday on charges of aiding and abetting Mr Kim Jae Kyu after the assassination in his attempt to overthrow the Park Chung Hee regime and

At 49 former President keeps looks that attracted dictator

Señora Perón hopes for freedom this month

tention.

March 24 will be an anniversary for Argentina's military Government and for Senora Isobel Peron, the former cresident. The Government celehates four years in power; Sencra Perón four years in de-

But freedom may be in sight for Senora Peron. Under the criminal code, if a defendant under preventive detention spend two thirds of the period of imprisonment requested by ne prosecution before sentence passed, he is automatically It happens that the maximum

penalty in the criminal cases still panding against Senora Peron is six years' imprisonment so the cases will lapse on March 24 and the former president should be a free woman. According to lead sources the cases are not sufficiently advanced for any ruling, other than dismissal, to be given for another six months. One case, concerning fileral acceptance of gifts, was in fact dismissed last manch. There are four still pending, one of em-bergling public funds, two of

miseopropriating monies of the "Permist Crusade for Solidarity", and one of illegally

Bogota, March 6.-Left-wing

Bogota, today released Herr

guerrillas who seized the Dominican Republic's Embassy

Edgar Selzer, the Austrian Am-

bassador, and said it was for

"Commander One", the apparent leader of the group

occupying the embassy—mem-bers of the M-19 guerrilla move-

ment—told Reuters by tele-phone that Herr Selzer was

freed because his wife, Edith,

was seriously ill in Austria. An Austrian Embassy spokesman said that Herr Selzer had al-

ready left Colombia for Vienna.

the ambassador left the occu-pied building this morning,

A Red Cross spokesmen said

building this morning,

humanitarian motives.

granting a government building to the Peronist Party.
Last month Senora Peron
celebrated her 49 in birthday

and she has kept the looks that estracted Argentina's former dictator to make her his third wife. On General Perón's triumphant return from exile in 1973, he insisted on Senora Perón being made vice-presidential candidate in the elections which he proceeded to win by a landsi de. When he died in July. 1974, she succeeded to the presidency but did not display the intellectual qualifications

for the jab. During her time in office Argentina collapsed into hyper-inflation and guerrilla The runed forces deposed her in March 1976, and she was initially confined to a former governor's residence in Patagonia. But an episode with a guard resulted in her being mored, with her personal maid, to a naval barracks. In August, 1978, the internal security situa-rion had improved sufficiently for her to live under house acrest at her late husband's farm in San Vicente, 60 miles

from Buenes Aires.
Since the end of the guerrilla war President Jorga Rafael Videla and his ministers have promised a return to constitutional rule and respect for law

Bogotá release of Austrian envoy

a medical checkup.

walked about 50 yards and

boarded a Red Cross ambu-lance, which took him away for

"Commander One" said that

the guerrillas, who are still

holding 12 ambassadors and

about another 19 hostages, wanted to show their good will

and desire for negotiations with the Colombian Government to

succeed. He said the next ses-

sion of negotiations with the

government, the third round,

would take place tomorrow, but the time had not yet been

The guerrillas have deman-

ded that the Government re-lease 311 political prisoners, pay a 550m (about 522m) ran-

Peking March 6.—China offici-ally informed Vietnam today that it was suspending the peace talks between the two countries that have been frozen since December and it put the respon-sibility for the deadlock on

But the Chinese Government

none the less proposed that the talks should be reopened in the

Peking accused the Viet-namese authorities of "redoub-ling their activities of opposition and bestiling to China and the

and hostility to China and of

aggression in Kampuchea and

threatening the peace and security of Thailand and South-

China also accused Hanoi of having "failed to show any

sincerity and stubbornly refus-

ing to consider the reasonable propositions" it put forward at the 15 sessions of talks which

have been held, first in Hanoi and then in Peking since negotiations began last year Under these circumstances, the Chinese Note said, "it is hardly conceivable that con-

their war

latter half of this year.

Hanoi.



Señora Perón: nearly four years in jail.

administered by an independent judiciary. This arritude has led to clashes with hard-line offi-cers in the armed forces, and Senora Perón's situation after March 24 may trigger another

Last year the Supreme Court found that there was no criminal case against Senor

som, publish a manifesto and withdraw the troops ringing the

The guerrillas, who invaded the embassy on Wednesday last week, have released all the

women and some non-diplo-

The hostages they are still

holding include the ambassa-dors of the United States, the

Dominican Republic, Brazil, Venezuela, Mexico, Uruguay, El Salvador, Egypt, Guatomala,

Haiti, Switzerland and the

Tuan, had been unable to come

Liu elevated: China's former

-Agence France-Presse.

matic staff.

China suspends peace

talks with Vietnam

newspaper publisher considered by right wingers to have supported the terrorist cause President Videla only obtained army consent for his release after threatening to resign and agreeing to deport Senor Timer-man and deprive him of his citizenship. Even then General Luciano Menendez led a mutiny over the issue, believing he had enough support to overthrow

the Covernment. Señora Perón is her husband's only heir and the bearer of his name. Whatever her deficiencies, the name of Peron has not lost its magic for the beneficiaries of the former president's handouts : ner are gogues lacking who wish to trade on that name. Within Peronist morality using public position for private gain corries no blame (indeed those who do not are considered naive), so accusations of corruption will not diminish her

Her release may give Peronism the figurehead and appeal it has lacked since 1976. Her detention, if no longer legally justifiable after March 24, may have the same effect by giving her the martyr's crown which scrupulously correct treatment

Sculpting a 'sleeping'

From Our Correspondent Nairobi, March 6 A 50-year-old Eulgarlan-botu sculptor, Mr Mihail Simeonov, is preparing here to take a anaesthetized wild elephant from which he will later cast

10 bronze statues.

The statues will be sold to foundations and anyone elve prepared to pay the £113,122 price into a trust to benefit the

dart to be fired from a helf-

to Peling on Tuesday as he had not been issued with a visa.

The latest edition of the Communist Party's theoretical mag-azine Red Flag lists him as second only to Mao Tse Tung, the man who purged him in the Cultural Revolution. Empress is 77

In 1968 Mr Liu was stripped of his posts and expelled from the party. He was never freed and died in prison in November, 1969. The circumstances and cause of his death have not yet been disclosed .- Reuter

elephant

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former Prime Minister, Chou that the statues must be placed on public exhibition tribute to the wild elephant.

nationally renerated age, called "Kiju" while her husband was on the throne. The seventy-seventh birthday is also known as "the age of joy" in Japan.

M-19 is one of several leftwing groups campaigning against the elected government, which they say ignores the plight of the poor in Colombia.

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president. Liu Shaoqui, who was posthumiously rehabilitated last Friday, has been elevated to No. 2 in the pantheun of dead Chinese revolutionary heroes abead of the last Prime Minister Change the statues must be placed

anaestherized, it should take only an hour to make the cast with a substance similar to that

Tokyo, March 6.-Empress Nagako celebrated her caventy syventh birthday today, the first lapanese empress to reach that

Association of South-east Asian Nations (Asean). They took pains to point out

Defence delegations from countries in the Pacific region and from Africa come to attend the exhibition. The Mulaysian Government forbade military officers to appear in uniform and discouraged contact between them and the exhibi-

facturers from the United States, Britain, France, Italy, West Germany and Switzerkind. But China's 21-man military delegation, which had asked to be invited, were not given visas The Soviet Union was barred from the exhibition hall on the orders of the organizers, but the

Soviet military attache in Kuala Lumpur turned up, sporting a badge which said that he was a visitor from the United States.

Asean would support the EEC's call for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan, but the alliance would ask the EEC ministers for a similar joint declaration on Каприсьел

Genscher talks: Herr Hans Genscher beid talks with Datuk Husain Onn, the Malaysian Prime Minister today on the Prime Minister today on the situation in Afghanistan, Kampuchea, bilateral relations and on cooperation between Asean and the EEC, officials said.—

AP.

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were aware of the defence nature of the exhibition. By then, it was too late to object.

Neutrality call: Asean backs the EEC's call for a neutral Afghanistan but also wants it to adopt a similar stance on Kampuchea, official sources said. The five Asean foreign ministers decided this today on the eve of their meeting with EEC foreign ministers.

Asean would support the

Rail engine abioze Rome, Murch 5.-Fire destroyed the engine of a crowdid-

It was a struggle of politi-Close behind Señor Viliavotes are slim, and political obthe drep in purchasing power to half its 1973 level. nueva in the latest opinion polls The exhibits, which included some of the most advanced and the EEC. officials said.—107. equipment seen in Malaysia, AP. servers say that the military is Senor Fernando Belaunde,

Lima, March 6

From Michael Smith

The first political battle in Peru's general election cam-paign has taken place — but within the two dozen or more parties and coalitions, nor enong them.

cians to be nominated as congressional candidates. They seemed more concerned with securing a job for the next five years than with actually winning the elections or adapting .

General elections, the first since 1963, are due on May 18 and the installation of the new Government is planned for July 28. Perus five million voters will choose a President, two vice-presidents, 60 senators and 180 representatives.

Most politicians agree, at least in public, that to ensure stability the country needs a strong civilish government — preferably including several of the larger parties. It also requires a national unity of pur-

pose to pull our of the econo-mic and social stagnation brought on by four years of However, with less than three months before polling day the

clear. Sixteen presidential candidates have been nominated. According to the Constitution, a candidate must win 36 per cent of the valid votes to be elected President outright. Otherwise, the decision is to be made by the newly installed Congress.

Government stacked the cards to make sure that they would have a say during the negotiations in Congress. The leading candidate so far

ning the elections of the country to its first civilian the country to its first civilian is Senor Amando Villanueva, regime in almost 12 years is Senor Amando Villanueva, aged 64, a robust political aged 64, a robust political veteran, who is running for the American Revolutionary Popular Alliance (Apra). Peru's largest and best organized politicel force. Anta has tradition. ally won a third of the cores in elections but has neger ruled It is now receiving morel—and

> going the pages of adjusting to the death of Victor Raul Haya de la Torre last year. Haya founded the party 50 years and

he has the drawing power of

wing stance and his favouritism

in drawing up candidate lists. And he still has to show that

exercising democracy. His party. Popular Action (AP), a populist reprement depends on Seror Belaunde's charisma, has been wracked by pesty feuding among his lieutenants, which he A dark horse in the race is

apparatus. However, the price the 1978 elections to choose a has been growing discontent among the right wing of Apra. among the right wing of Apra, ist left won close to 30 per cent who dislike his moderately left- of the vote, a surprise for almost everyone, even them-For the general elections this

> To begin with, the left formed into two blocks: a moderate faction backed by the orthodox Communists and the Socialists, and an extremist coalition made up of Manists, Trotskyists and radical Marxists and centred round Senor Hugo Blanco, a burly ex-guerrilla who was the left's biggest votewinner two years ago.

week, just before the deadline for registering candidates, the left shattered into five smaller groups along ideological lines. The point of contention was who was to get what share of the electoral victory which they already took for granted.

The failure to form even two unity fronts" is described by "right wing", a term regarded locally as dirty.

In spite of the internal strife in these three parties, they have

Asean-EEC call to contain crises From M. G. G. Pillat Kuaka Lumpar, March 6 The Soviet Union and Viet-

nam came under heavy criticism tonight for their respective interventions in Afghanistan and Kampuchea when foreign ministers of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean) and the European Community met informally to-

Conference sources said the two regional groupings were agreed in their criticism of the two states and called for unmost" efforts to prevent the crisis spilling over into the

underlined in the joint state-ment to be released tomorrow this has been resolved.

but this was screpped. At today's meeting, there was a the two groupings, general review of international. Their meeting of and regional developments.

These positions would be Genscher, the West German oderlined in the joint state- Foreign Minister, put it, 2 "block free "-Afghanician. proposal will be included in the held by the ministers.

Their meeting muchood the

formal signing temperary of an acceptant on economic Co-acceptant between Aven and the EEC. The ceremony will be extended by Datak Hurain Onne. Foreign Secretary, for a neutral attended by Danik Hussin Onn.

—or as Herr Hans-Dietrich the Malaysian Prime Minister.

Students poisoned by insecticide By Peter Brock An unusual episode of chronic parsoning by organophosphates, widely used as inserticides, is reported by two South African

Dr. J. G. Peroid and Dr. D. J. J. Bezuidenhout of Stellenbusch University were called to an agricultural college where 38 students and staff had developed interestitute diarrhoea. loped intermittent diarrhoes and weight loss over several

No diagnosis could be made from these obscure symptoms in spite of meticulous bacterioloe cal investigations which were directed toward identifying an

The doctors say in the South African Medical Journal that when they entered the college they noticed a strong smell of organophosphates. This alerted them to a possible cause of the stomach trouble.
They ran blood tests and their suspicions were confirmed. The sufferers had abnormally low

values of a particular chemical

caralyst which is known to be inhibited by the insecticide: When the students and reach-When the students and teachers filled in questionnaires other symptoms of the chemical deficiency were revealed, such as muscle weakness, tramps, tremors and shortness of breath. There were also personality changes, notably anxions and changes.

anxiety and depression When proper precautions were taken in the use of organophos phases, nearly all the patients

Burma success

in drugs battle Mong Hsat, Borma, March 6. -The Burmese Army is claiming significant successes in its long battle against rebel drug traders. Military operations have halved Burna's annual opium output in the past six years, informed sources say. The army has been desuror. ing poppy plantations and drug refineries run by rebels in the jungles of Shan State in Eastern, Burma Reuter

A cat overcome in a fire receives mouth-to-mouth resuscitation in a Boston street. Giscard visit leads to closer Franco-Qatar industrial links

Qatar, March 6 In addition to the now ritual reference to self-determination ing, transmission, and small gional services centre providing power units.

The Gulf rulers have not and ship repair facilities.

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cultural development company, an industrial base for itself 10 and on French techniques on years ago. It has gone some solar energy for ear condition way towards becoming a re-

for the Palestinians, condemna-for the Palestinians, condemna-tion of Soviet intervention in Afghanistas, and emphasis on non-intervention by outsiders in the Gulf rulers have not allowed the extraordinary pros-perity oil brought to their here in 1940, was so desper-perity oil brought to their here in 1940, was so desper-mentione issued at the close of munique issued at the close of munique issued at the close of printing proventy-stricken coun-tries to go to their heads. They are carefully husbanding their proventy-stricken coun-tries to go to their heads. They are carefully husbanding their are carefully husbanding their was then about 20,000 and escources, and even the oil-rich was then about 250,000. Its

President Giscard d'Estaing's are carefully husbanding their resources, and even the oil-rich ones have began to diversify the Qatar Government and the many possibilities they offer for the exploitation and processing of natural gas, desalination plants and water supply are specifically mentioned. Two agreements were signed on setting up a Franco-Qatar agri-

UN employee awaits verdict on spy charge

Warsaw, March 6,-Miss Alicja Wesolowska, a Polish United Nations employee who has pleaded guilty to spring for a Nato state will have the right to appeal if sentenced, a military court spokesman said

The case, which was hear in secret, ended last night and the court is due to give its verdict tomorrow. Sources said that Miss Wesolowska was accused of trying to recruit Poles to work for the United States Central

Intelligence Agency. She worked for the United Nations in New York for eight years and was arrested in Warsaw

Confused scene as Peru prepares to vote himself in control of the party fared better than the left. In

The chances that one of the 16 candidates will win so many

probably financial — support from the German Social Demo-

However, Apra is also underand ruled it paternalistically until his death. Over the past year Senor Villanueva has pushed himself out from the pack of party leaders and firmly established

aged 64, a former President who was overthrown in 1968 by a military coup. His Government was highly criticized for being incapable of pushing through a series of promised reforms which were later enacted by the military. However, he is a brand name in local politics, an important factor among Pergyians unaccuetomed to

has been unable to stop. Senor Luis Bedova, azed 62, a former Mayor of Lima, whose Popular Christian Party (PPC) is well financed but tainted as "right wing", a term regarded

year the left had hopes of winning by drawing on the widespread discontent due to

However, in a little more than

Russian sports US badge to enter defence show

From Our Correspondent Kuala Lumpur, March 6

Asia's first defence exhibition ended its three-day run bere tooight, with Malaysian officials somewhat embarrassed that it preceded tomorrow's meeting of he foreign ministers of the European Community and the

that the two events were not in any way linked.

tors, who represented some of the biggest armaments manu-

neighbouring countries.

afternoon, the source added, is not clear in what form the There was initial disagreement on the form the statement should take in relation to the Soviet Union and Vietnam, but The informal meeting was

One issue that come up for come discussion was the pro-

Chinese fall.

Peking, March 6.—Ask any, young people in China's cities who their favourite singer is. and there is a good chance they will name a Talwanese pop star-called Deng Lijun. The irony is that Miss Derga-has never set fact in the People's Republic and her records have never been played on the radio here. As a result, an aura of mystery surrounds; her, which has helped to raise. her to the level of an underground stay in mainland China."

She sings wistful love songs in Manderin, the language both Peling and Taiwen accept as the national Chinese Luguage, with a Western pop music backing, something the young here' have never heard before. The novelty of her style and the high production quality of the high production quarty of her music compared to most keed songs has made her a high but apart from some casette tapes brought in from Hongkong and sold on the black market, Miss Deng is untillely to have gained much financially from her increasing popularity.

from her increasing popularity Most of the cassettes of hermusic circulating in China are recordings of recordings done privately, which means she misses her share of the profits. As things stand, she is powerless to capitalize on what, is potentially the largest unstanged market for recorded music left in the world.

music left in the world.

Miss Deng was born in Taiwan, although her father was born in the central Chinese province of Hunan. She is a star throughout much of, South-East Asia and Japan, where she is known as Teresa Teng and is now understood to Teng, and is now understood to studying at a special English language course in California before beginning university there.

On the streets of Peking. hawkers fell photographs of Miss Deng, a hegatical young, ledy whose Western hairstyles and clothes are immediately attractive to many young people Mr Simeonov, who lives m
New York, said he had been working on his "cost the sleeping elephant" scheme for five

attractive to many young people here who live an increasing interest in things Western.

The hawkers also sell the vests.

He sees his ambition of sculpting a live elephant as a continuation of man's early attempts to depict the elephant the seed of the gold new attempts to depict the elephant in prehistoric cave maintings.

couple of years ago, the autonrities seem uncertain of how to deal with the situation The Shanghal newspaper, Wen Hut Dan recently carried. a series of articles discussing the taneful investors with most cast false teeth ". he said.

Mr Simecoov expects no difficulty in finding bovers, who must accept a condition that the statues must be placed.

The false teeth ". he said.

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list society while others at a lead music and songs commu-from similar and dancing halfs in old Shanghai and held in contempt by the people," article said. The writer suggested that more thought be nut into pro-ducing better songs locally to counter the increasing poru-larity of Taiwanese and Hous-kong love sougs.

In fact, a new breed of light

popular songs has already arisen in China in the last year arisen in China in the last year or two, replacing the state of revolutionary anthems which were played to the exclusion of cirtually all else during the 10 years of the Cultural Revolution from 1966.

The songs, which make great use of rultures and electric were closed to the public and admission was very selective. The organizers themselves old not appear to appreciate fully the sensitiveness of the situation.

They had sought, and received, permission for a trade exhibition nearly a year ago, but as recently as two mentals ago, neither the Foreign Ministry were aware of the defence himistry were aware of the defence nature of the exhibition. By then, it was too late to object.

Neutrality call: Asean backs

Venice-Rome express train ia-side a railway tunnel neur Rome, today, but all 1.000 passengers, escaped uniture, the police 52:35 Correction

smitement to be issued tomorrow at a folm: press confurence. The 14 foreign ministernine from the EEC and five originally to have stretched out from Asean—also discussed the to another session tomorrow, refugee problem and the scope of economic cooperation between

PM's astonishment at | Ulster constitutional conference not a waste of time remarks of British Olympics chairman

House of Commons
Astonishment at the reported remarks of Sir Denis Follows, chairman of the British Olympic Association to the Commons Select Committee on Foreign Affairs yesterday, was expressed by the Prime Minister.

Minister.

Mr Cyril Townstud (Bexley, Bexleyheath, C) had asked; Will she comment on the dismal performance of Sir Denis Follows yesterday before the foreign affairs select committee, in particular his comment that he could better judge the interests of the people than their Parliament?

On trihe day when Afghanistan is faced with further Soviet repression, will she remind the House how many other countries have agreed to boycott the Olympic Games in Moscow this summer?

Mrs Thatcher—I read the reports

Mrs Thatcher—I read the reports in the press and found I was astonished at what Sir Denis Follows is reported to have said. With regard to the point about Parlia-ment, I think we are the best judge

or tract.

It would be as well—the Leader of the House permitting—if we were to find time for a debate to were to the time to a debite to make our views known.

I expressed my views to Sir Demis Follows in no uncertain way in a letter to hime which has been published. I told him the Soviet nutrished. I told him the solies invasion of Afghanistaeant that for British athletes to take part in the games in Moscow this summer would be for them to seem to condone an international crime.

There are an increasing number of constries who think it would be totally inappropriate for their athletes to attend the Moscow games. If the Olympic Games were to continue in Moscow as planned it would be a propaganda coup and triumph for the Russians of monufental proportions, Lard Tref-garne, Lord-in-Waiting, sald in rety to questions in the House of rental proportions, Lord Trergarne, Lord-in-Waiting, sald in the Aighans. (Cheers.)
Lords about the gates.
He added that an increasing number of sporting bodies in the United Kingdom seemed to be have

The Government very much welcomed the decision of the British Olympic Association to defer responding to the lavitation of the Moscow organizing committee until a later date. To go to Moscow in present circumstance would be in present circumstances would be wholly unacceptable, he said.

The Marsuess of Exeter (C) said the Sports Council had no say in this matter.

this matter.

It is entirely (he said) for the International Olympics Committee controlled by the 78 sports which compete in the Olympic Games. They held a meeting two days ago and decided that although they would not send in their official reply, that they would go to the Moscow Games, and they have not channed their minds. changed their minds.

The letter will go out on March 25. That and no other body has a say in this matter. Lord Trefgarne—The British Olym-pic Association decision was to postpone the reply to the invi-

tation.

We very much hope the BOA will, in the end, accept the Government's further advice not to go to Moscow and to rtfuse the invi-In reply to a further question,

In reply to a further question,
Lord Trefgarne said: Russian withdrawal from Afghanistan, if it
were to take place, following
acceptance of Lord Carrington's
proposals, would clearly significantly alter the position. It would
not necessarily mean we would
withdraw our objections to the
Olympic Games in Moscow.
Lord Harris of Greenwich (Lab)—
It would be totally reprinensible
were British and other athletes to
put to Moscow to what is going to go to Moscow to what is going to be a Soviet propaganda spectacular while Russian aircraft are bombing

New code of conduct for safe-keeping of firearms

trols would have a significant effect on the level of crime, or that the extrawork that would result for the police service would be

I am, however, aware of the concern felt in many parts of the country over the misose of air weapons, and will continue to con-

Mr William Whitelaw, Home Secretary, in a written reply, said he had no plans to introduce legislation to amend the law relating to firearms.

Having studied carefully the scope of the existing legislation and the extent of misasse of firearms (he continued), I am not persuaded that more stringant controls would have a significant

I have therefore asked the British Shooting Sports Council to draw up a voluntary code of conduct in conjunction with the police service and with my officials. This they have agreedto do.

Useful pathfinder to better rural policies

Europe must look less at the exclusive use of rural land for food production and stop the westeful and unnecessary production of and unnecessary production of food which was not required, Lord Sandford (C' szid on introducing a The Earl of Calthness said there debate on two European Communities Committee riports on policies for rural areas and agricultural

He said the Community should look more towards the integrated use of rural land for forestry as well as farming and for amenity and recreation, at a time when it was declaring large surpluses of milk, dair products, wine and sugar, he said. This had been a main theme of the report.

The report asked if it was sen-The report asked if it was sensible to advocate technological advances in agriculture which required more and more use of expensive and rare chemicals which had to be imported, fuels which needed to be conserved and less use of labour, which forced young boys and girls to leave the land and lova the thousands of unemployed in cities.

Lady Stedman (Lab) said the full potential of rural areas would only be realized when there was a truly comprehensive approach to rural policy which aimed to safeguard the future of rural communities.

VISCOUNT Amory (C) and communities. VISCOUNT Amory (C) said there was a climate of deprivation in was a chimate of deprivation in some rural localities. The age of the rural population was higher than the average because of the dearth of employment opportunities for young people in their own villages. There were areas which were crying out for action.

Lord Parry (Lab), chairman of the Weish Tourist Board, said that tourism was a basic tool of the economy. The Government had a mandate for looking for certain cut-backs. It would be a bad move if any spending capacity on tourism were to be cut.

could recoup its contribution to the EEC would be in the expansion of special areas and support of rural policy.

dependence of rural areas on agriculture. With the accession of Greece, Spain and Portugal to the EEC the need for an integrated approach would become ever more

Lord Henley said it was essential to stimulate rural industries so that villaged did not become dor-mitories or mere ghosts with most of the houses becoming second

Lord Peart, Leader of the Opposttion (lab), said rural development depended basically on the farming industry. He hoped the Community would not have an anti-farming

If there were food surpluses they should be exported or go for aid to those areas which needed them. young boys and girls to leave the land and join the thousands of unemployed in cities.

Village life was showing signs of trailty and a tendence to break down. The economy supporting it was getting weaker and more vulnerable, a more balanced use of rural land and integrated rural development were needed.

There should be a European statement on the objectives for ural land use.

Tady Stedman (Lah) and the first thousands of unemployed in cities.

Lord Mowbray, Segrave and Stourton, which he displicate problems which were not urique in this country. Mr Tom King, Minister for Local Government and Environmental Services, intended soon to meet the cheirmen of the two local authority associations to discuss the reports and the views which had been expressed. The Government were giving these careful con-

and social wellbeing of the countryside within the present con-straints on financial and other

The main thrust of the regional policy was directed towards the older industrial areas.

A recent initiative by the Euopean Community had been the concept of integrated development schtmes. Such schemes javolving the coordinated use of agricultural social and regional funds could prove a useful pathfinder to better integrated rural policies at Community level. They could make rural population less dependent on agriculture.

Aberdeen Appointments

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Mr Humphrey Atkons, Secretary of State for Northero Ireland, detried contentions by several MPs that the constitutional conference on Northern Ireland had been a each other's point of view. All participants have confinued to demonstrate their commitment to the task of the conference, and I remain convinced that it will con-tribute to political advance in Northern Ireland. normern treams non over a charade and a waste of time. He said there was still a certain amount to do in the conference, and it would be wrong to bring the conference to an end now.

Mr Michael Latham (Melton, C)— While nobody would expect rapid progres on a matter that has been going on since the reign of Hemy II and the more controversial monarchs of the seventeenth contury, sooner or later this matter will have to be brought to a con-clusion and a statement made to the House Mr Atkins-We are engaged in the

Mr Atkins (Spelthorne, C) said that the conference had completed a careful examination of how a devolved administration might operate and had discussed the crucial question of the role of minorities within a new system. There remained a substantial amount of

remained a substantial amount of ground to cover, and it was too early to indicate when the conference would conclude its work or what level of agreement would I have gained a deeper under-

standing (he said) of the view-points of the partis of the con-ference and they have similarly gained a better understanding of

Evidence

wanted on

infiltration

During exchanges about IRA propaganda, Mir James Molyncaux, Leader of the Official Unster Unionists, asked if the minister took scriously the belief that rev

rorist organizations had infiltrated certain elements of the press and broadcasting services. This was re-flected in the reporting.

However, Mr Michael Alison, Minister of State for Northern Ire-

land, said he could not really anser a question of that sort without having to give evidence of a much more solid kind than could be

adduced in question and answer

He should (continued the minis-ter) give me factual evidence to add to the routine investigations the security forces carry out in all

areas of sensitivity on the security side, and we will look at it care-

MR Anthony Marlow (Northampton, North, C) had asked the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland what steps he proposed to the control IRA propaganda and what estimate he had made of the value of propaganda by terrorist organizations.

Mr Alison (Barkson Ash, C)-In a

Mr Alison (Barkson Ash, C)—in a democratic society, the free expression of views of individuals or groups is a fundamental freedom. The Government does not believe in censorship, and we shall continue to rely on the responsibility and sensitivity of the media in the reporting of events.

The value of propaganda of terrorist or other organizations is difficult. If not possible, to access, but deeds speak louder than words, and the vast majority of Northern and the children.

and the vast majority of Northern Ireland citizeus, whatever their background, reject and abhor the methods of murder and violence which the terrorists use, and seek to justify by means of propagands. Mr Marlow—When the IRA claims responsibility for a particularly barbarous and brutal act, they like to hear it reported over the media that they have actually claimed responsibility, because it gives them almost a sort of legitimacy and responsibility as opposed to the band of murderers and thugs they are.

Mr Alison—I disagree. To be identified publicly with something like the La Mons massacre is the worst possible kind of rejection of the total inhumanity and positive brutality of that group, and does more harm than sood.

Because the demand for passports is increasing, it is not necessary to consider increasing fees for them at present, Mr Richard Luce. Under Secretary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said. He moved the second reading o fthe Consular Fees Bill which is to facilitate the most economic allocation of duties amongthe staff of the Foreign and Commonwealth Service, and the diplomatic service, and to ensure that there is power to lety consular fees where such duties attract them.

Mr Luce (Shoreham, C) said that

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Mr Luce (Shoreham, C) said that the demand for passports was increasing at a tremendous rate. Last year there had been 1,800,000 applications and all the evidence this year suggested that demand was rising at a considerable rate, the charge had remained static since March 1978 and it would be refreshing to keep it that way as long as possible.

The Bill was read a second time and completed its remaining

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Mr David Trippier (Rossendale, C) asked if there were plans to change the pattern of entry of Royal Marine officers.

Mr Keith Speed, Under Secretary of Defence for the Royal Navy, in a written reply, said—Yes. The current five year commission will be replaced by a four year term later this year. A reduction of one year will widen the field of recruitment and still allow an adequate return on training.

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process of seeking agreement about how to proceed. It is the Government's firm belief that we ought to proceed, and that the existing arrangements in Ulster are not satisfactory. We want to advance.

The Commons will be brought into the consideration of these matters because in the end it is

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, Off UU)—During the long periods of boredom and frustration as he

or forenous and translation as he proceeds with this timewasting conference, will be find time to reflect that for the protection of minorities and for the securing of power sharing there is no instrument that has ever been devised to compare with this House? Mr Afficins—He is wrong in think-ing that the conference is timew-asting. It is far from timewasting.

this addressing itself seriously to these difficult questions. I know his view about the way we operate matters here. I would hope that he would come to the conference table and argue that point of eive.

conference would be nothing more nor less than the continuation of a charade. It is clearly evident that there will be no agreement at that

Mr Afkins—I cannot agree that the conference has been a charade There is still a certain amount to do in the conference. We have not gone through our agenda. Mr James Kilfedder (North Down, Ar james sirencer (Norm Down, UU)—There is growing concern and anger in Uister that the long awaited security initiative is being deliberately held up by the Government because this constitutional conference, which has been dead for some time, is in existence.

It is high time the Government old something to destroy the Pro-visional IRA as was promised by Mrs Thatcher on two occasions. Mr Afring-The conference is not

ference has been rendered useless by the Official Unionists who have openly mocked it and by openly mocked it and by the in-transigent attitude of the DUP. Mr Atkins-The conference and Mr Atkins—The conference and discussions about the future of Northern Ireland are not easy. Nobody ever expected them to be easy nor did I expect them to be quick and the whole matter to be solved in the twinking of an eye. That is no reason for not explor-ing with the political leaders at the conference, how they believe we can best advance politically.

I have never been definite on the timetable (he added). I said in January-we might have to go to a stage by Easter when it might be appropriate to reflect for a while. I am not sure we will still meet that timetable, but since it is not a fixed timetable that does not matter. We want to discuss these matters as long as it is useful to do so,

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Mr John Watson (Skipton, C) had asked Mrs Thatcher—Has she noticed that the clearing banks are announcing very high profit levels? These are essentially windfall profits and should be taxed accordingly.

a good deal lower when times are good for others. Taxation will be considered on March 26.

Mr Callaghan (Cardiff, South-East, Lab)—If the problem is that times are bad, will she, in her message of encouragement to the Tory candidate for Southend East (Mr Edward Taylor) explain to him that company insolvencies and personal bank-upticles are increasing so rapidly?

Mr Callaghan We are all happy to

hear that car production is increasing rapidly. But if there is an increasing number of company insolvencies and a rapid rate of personal bankrupticies, people will sonal bankrupticies, people will not be able to buy them. Will she explain that to Mr Taylor?

explain that to lar laylor explain to hime what he well knows: that there is only one way to try to bring down inflation and that is the way we are following.

I woul be grataful if Mr Callaghan would encourage people not to ask for very high wages without extra production because this will push up inflation and prices.

Mr. Michael Graffic (North-West) Mr Michael Grylls (North-West

MPs to debate immigration next week

The main business in the Commons Monday: Debate on Opposition anotion on growing burden of own-ing or renting a house. Debates on immigration and motion on changes in immigration rules.

Wednesday: Proceedings on Con-solidated Fund (no 2) Bill. Thursday: National Health Service (Invalid Direction) Bill, remaining

The main business in the Lords next week will be:

Tuesday: Education Bill. commit-tee (Second day). Wednesday : Debate on the Brandt report. Thursday: Education Bill, committee (Third Day).
Friday: Companies Bill, Commons amendments. Education Bill, committee (if not concluded on Thurs-

MP says man found murdered in County Armagh was a friend

Mr Harold McCuster (Armagh, Off UU) said during questions to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland that a man found murdered in County Armagh a few hours previously was a personal friend of his.

Mr Humpirey Atkins, the Secre-tary of State, had told the House that some hours ago the body of a that some hours ago the body of a man was found in County Armagh near the border. Full details were not yet available and he was awaiting a detailed report.

Mr McCuster said: The body lying on the border today is that of Mr Harry Livingston, a decent hardworking young man who was popular in the local community. He was a former member of the UDR who was no doubt mudered by the

that the last time I talked to him was at the funeral of a colleague of his who wa salso murdered in simi-How does Mr Atkins expect to

make political progress or any other sort of progress in Northern Ireland so long as people like that have to live in circumstances like that, and meet their death in cir-cumstances like that, whenever the IRA chooses to do it?

He has more information than I at his disposal at the moment not only as to the identity and history of the man but as to his killers. I do not have that information at the was a former memoer of the ODE who was no doubt murdered by the IRA and whose murder is now being celebrated in a pub in the Republic.

Mr Livingstone was a personal friend of mine. It is indication of the situation in which he was living one too many. We are striving all

the time to reduce the number. It is not possible to provide round-the-clock protection for everybody in Northern Ireland, In normern regame.

I hope very much that the efforts we are making will bring a gradual decrease in terrorist activity. I hope one day they will be reduced to such a level that they will not be Earlier referring to the security a musce to anyone. a make a hydra-simation, Mr Aftins said the number of desths as a result of terrorist activity in the period-terror last May to February this year had increased, although there had been a substantial reduction in the number of injuries and explo-dors

sions.
Statistics (be said) give a partial picuture. The IRA are more isolated than ever from the sympathy let alone the support of ordinary people.

I do not pretend that an end of terrorism is in sight. I believe we are making progress.

Tory MP attacks financial provisions and elective dictatorship in Bill dictatorship. (Loue laughter and cheers.)

The Local Government, Planning important question he should seek and Laud (No 2) Bill was Govern- to give an accurate answer. ment policy and would continue its passage through Parliament. Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Leader of the House, said.

He was responding to questions from Mr James Callaghan, Leader of the Opposition, who had drawn attention to the fact that the committee considering the Bill had adjourned earlier than usual this morning because, he said, the minister had been unable to answer a simple question. a simple question.

Mr Callaghan said that the ques-tion was whether the part of the Bill dealing with the rate support grant was to be proceeded with. The minister could not answer and the proceedings had to be adjourned.

Mr St John-Stevas said that the finister was acting perfectly properly. If a minister was asked an Chancellor described as an elective

pendence day in May, Mr Richard Luce, Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in moving the second reading of the New Hebrides Bill.

Mr Luce (Shoreham, C) said that the Bill did not provide for the grant of independence because the New Hebrides was not a British rolony but an Anglo-French condominium. An exchange of notes between Britain and France provided for independence. The New

Hebrides would become an inde-pendent republic with an elected president and a unicameral legisla-ture.

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody (Crewe, Lab), for the Opposition, said the Opposition welcomed the people of the New Hebrides to the Commonwealth and hoped the Government did not assume that its responsibility would end with the full attainment of Commonwealth service.

ment of Commonwealth status.
Our responsibility (she said)
must be the moral responsibility of
good friends and old neighbours

and we must be prepared to under-take that in terms of hard cash. I am dispirited at the Government's attitude to aid. It is a disgrace that

we have not been able to attain a percentage of support for undevel-oped countries and partially devel-loped countries that we should

Mr Anthony Kershaw (Stroud, C) said he was bothered that Britain was leaving behind a system of law less than clear. Up to now there

less than clear. Up to now there had been three systems of law—the indigenous law, the French law, and the British law. There were also two education systems and two police forces.

Mr Russell Johnston (Inverness, L1 said the New Hebrides had a population of 120,000 and most recoile did not know there is east.

population of 120,000 and most people did not know where it was. No one considered it might have special commercial or political significance.

MPs were doing something they did not know terribly much about. They were dependent on advice from the Foreign Office which had

for independence. The

New Hebrides to get

independence in May

The Bill (he went on) is Government policy and the Bill will pass on to the statute book on schedule. Mr Callaghan—Why could the minister not give that answer? Mr St John-Stevas—Because he did not have the benefit of consulting myself. (Laughter.)

Mr Geoffrey Rippon (Hexham, C)—In view of the undoubted pressure on parliamentary time, wil Mr St John-Stevas consider wil Mr St John-Stevas consider further the question of withdraw-ing this Bill. (Labour cheers.) The financial provisions as now provided are unworkable and the subject of further discussions with the local authorities; the planning provision is imadequate and ought to be in a separate Bill; and the provisions relating to the urban

parties last autumn on the consti-

the New Hebrides and made assess-ments. The Government would be ready to talk to the chief minister

when he came to Britain at the end of the month to discuss the future aid programme once they got to the stage of independence. They would be as forthcoming as pos-

Bir St John-Stevas—I see Mr Rip-pon is his usual independent and robust self. It is the Government's intention to proceed with this Bill and to see that it is placed upon Mr Guy Barnett (Greenwich, Lab)

Mr Guy Barnett (Greenwich, Lab) said that the Secretary of State for the Environment (Mr Michael Reseltine) had given firm commitments to the House and to the local authority associations that he would consider proposals the associations put to him as alternatives to the Government's proposals.

It was impossible to consider the Government's proposals because Government's proposals because they were not firm. They could not consider hypothetical proposals as part of Government legislation.

Mr St John-Stevas and Mr Garnett had exaggerated the point. The minister would reflect on the mat-ter. He would be consulting the Secretary of State (Mr Hesshine).

Concession on school bus charges

amnument to the Education (No
2) Bill in the Lords to provide that
school transport charges may be
made only in respect of two
children of a family.
Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster
and Leader of the Commons,
announced this Mr John Wilkinson (Hillingdon, Ruislip-Northwood, C) said he saw no reason why citizens of the New Hebrides should have in the United Hebrides should have in the United Kingdom rights and obligations greater than those of EEC nationals. This was one of the anomalies that existed in British citizenship law.

Mr Christopher Price (Lewisham, West, Lab) said they had a lot of problems with British citizenship law, but the fact that a few New Hebrideans might come to Britain and at some date in May acquire the right to come here, was probably a cause for congratulating Britain about the flexibility and liberty of its constitution, rather than having the little niggles of the kind they had from Mr Willchoson. The decision of Britain to grant independence to a number of tiny island states in the Pacific was right but it was one which in

and Leader of the Commons, announced this
Mr John Farr (Harbrough, C) had asked what were the result of his reflections on the interesting possibility that the Lords might send back the Bill with the clause on school transport charges omitted.
Mr St. John-Stevas (Chelmsford, C)—It is the Government's intention to table an amendment in the House of Lords setting a limit to the number of children who possibly might be charged for school bly might be charged for school transport, limiting it to the first two children.

two children.
Mr Stanley Cohen (Leeds, South-East, Lab)—It is not the two children families, but the parents of larger families who will face problems Nr St John-Stevas—The Secretary of State has already tabled one amendment about flat fares and I have just amounced a second alteration limiting possible charges—they are only possible charges—to the first two children.

island states in the Pacific was right but it was one which in certain strategic circumstances could put them in difficulties.

The more the Government could say it was committed to their genuine independence and to the New Hebrides as it thought fit the greater reassurance that would be. Air Luce, replying, said the Government and French Government are to the committed to the were totally committed to the agreements reached with all the Bank losses in foreign exchange lution.

Britain already gave considerable sums of aid to the New Hebrides. Per capita it was one of the highest in the world, a rate of sumething like £6m a year which was quite a lot for a population of 120,000.

An aid team had recently visited the New Hebrides and made assess-

Mr Allan Stewart (East Renfrew-shire, C)—Asked whether the Chancellor of the Exchequer had any plans to place limits on the extent to which banks in the United Kingdom could be exposed to losses in foreign exchange. Mr Nigel Lawson, Financial Sec-An aid team had recently visited the New Hebrides and made assessments. The Government would be ready to talk to the chief minister when he came to Britain at the end of the month to discuss the future aid programme once they got to the stage of independence. They would be as forthcoming as possible.

The Bill was read a second time.

Mr Nigel Lawson. Financial Sectorary to the Treasury, in a content of England is discussing with the banking community, in connexion with its supervisory functions under the Banking Act 1979, ways of limiting exposure to foreign exchange losses. It is hoped that definitive guidance can be produced in a matter of months.

message

C)—I have noticed what has been happening to the bank profits. I have previously commented on that here and said that here and said that the tendency is for bank profits to be high when times are bad for others and

Mrs Thatcher—Whatever times may be this year, figures published indicate that car production this February exceeds that of last Feb-

Surrey, C)—Does she agree that when the TUC tear up their guide-lines on picketing in a fit of pique against the Employment BIH, they are playing politics?

Mrs Thatcher—I have always thought that this particular set of guidelines on picketing properly reflected the criminal law as it stands now. The criminal law is is these guidelints will not

Tuesday: National Health Service (Invalid Direction) Bill, second reading.

Tages. Friday: Private Mimbers' Bills. Child Maintenance Orders (Annual Up-rating and Exemption) Bill, remaining stages. Abortion (Amendment) Bill, remaining Stages.

Monday: Education Bill, commit-tee. (First day). National Heritage Bill, report.

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After nearly 60 years the story of the loss of the Titanic con-tinues to haunt and fescinate. S.O.S. Titanic is at least the fifth film version of the cates trophe. Two of the previous films, Atlantic (1930) and A Night to Remember were British; a 1953 Titanic was American. Yet another Titanic was made in 1943 in Nazi Germany, and had an unfortunate history. The director Herbert Selpin unwisely made some disparaging remarks about the

Lohengrin

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This is the first time that the

Royal Opera has revived Elijah Moshinsky's production of

Wagner's Lohengrin which won

prizes when first seen in 1977.

Luckily most of that excellent

ast was able to be re-engaged,

though we have a new Eisa in Teresa Kubiak, and a new con-ductor, Silvio Varviso from

Stutigant, shortly to take over in Paris.

standing out clearly and point-fully from the economical back-

ground of gauzes, sacred relics and totems, and the striking costumes (white and gold, or black and brown). No doubt is left that tenti-century Brabant

was under firm papal control, as well it might be with so fanarical an Old Believer as Outrud about the place. The

revival reminds us that, while Moshinsky won the awards as

producer, much of the produc-tion's quality is also due to John Napier's costumes and props, and David Hersey's sensi-

The production emphasizes

religiosity, possibly so as m render palarable a pompous

romantic opera in danger of

The Case of David

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A quirk in Scortish law has

transformed the Library Theatre

in Manchester into an appeal

court for David Anderson, a

Queen's Counsel and normer Conservative MP After years of privately circulated allegations

of reprehensible sexual conduct,

and more years of living down

those accusations when he was forced to give up his judicial duties and resign his sear, he

was finally publicly accused of

making improper suggestions to two girls, aged 14, and con-victed of a minor offence in

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in the accusations and a girl's positive identification of the

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identification of Mr Anderson, Scottish law would permit no

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tive lighting.

naval officers who were col-laborating on the film and quickly ended up in prison and involuntary "suicide". The involuntary "suicide". The film itself was banned both by the Nazis and later, in 1950, by the Allied High Command, on account of its delicate political implications.

SOS Titanic, directed by Billy Hale from a script by James Costigan, could not, to its discredit, stir any censor anywhere in the world to ban it, since it is without implications or attitudes of any kind. The first hour of the film is tediously taken up with building up a series of ship-board romances, respectively in first, second and steerage class, in a vain effort to make us feel something for the victims of the impending

Once the great ship hits its iceberg things liven up marginally, thanks to some quite good rhough over-used model shors and special effects; but the really intriguing aspects of the Titanic affair (for instance the California which was only 10 miles away at the time of the disaster but failed to pick up the distress signals) are ignored, or shoved aside in favour of repetitive shots of people struggling for the lifeboats. A good subject is wilfully thrown away.

A much more successful arrempt at re-creation of historical fact is Mauro Bolognin's Fatti de gente perbene, which rather unexpectedly turns up at the Curzon, where it is called Drama of the Rich, six years after its original release in Italy. The Murri case took place in Bologna at the beginning of the century. Augusto Murri was the patriarch of a rich bourgeois family and a

Murri's daughter Linda had made an unhappy marriage with a brutish aristocrat, Count Bonmartini. After their disagreements had become acute, the Count was found stabbed to death in his apartment. Linda's brother Tullio, under the in-fluence of their father's uncompromising honesty, con-

fessed to having committed the murder single-handed; but the chance to bring down the entire Murri clan was too good to be missed by its many enemies; and Linda and her lover, as well as Tullio's misuress and a friend, were all-apparently un-justly-implicated and jailed.

Bolognini's writers, given their clear conviction of the innocence of the other defen-dants and of a right-wing plot to bring down the Murris and their left-wing defenders (an election was in progress at the time) offer a reconstruction that is clear, comprehensive, and, in its own way, dramatic. For once a multi-national cast seems justified by the strength of the performances: Fernando Rey is Augusto; a dark-wigged Cetherine Deneuve the suffering Linda and Giancarlo Giannini (a good actor at that time still untarnished by his stint as Lina Wermuller's favourite star) is Tullio. As the examining magistrate, Marcel Bozzuffi offers the study of a complex character whose confusion of motives—between duty, political expediency and a self-made man's resentment of the assu-ance of the rich-remains unclear even to himself.

Photographed in soft autumnal colours by Ennio Guarnieri and staged with the effortless fidelity to period in which Italian designers seem hard to rival, the film evokes vividly an age in which external decorum could conceal extreme political and social rot.

Richard Pryor is a highly intelligent and very funny screen comedian (Greased Lightning, Silver Streak, Blue Collar, California Suite) and writer (Blazing Saddles). In 1978 he made a concert tour as a stand-up comedian (though stand-up" successful surgeon, but, as a comedian (though "stand-up" socialist and free thinker, rather underesumates the represented the Antichrist in energy of the performance), in represented the Antichrist in energy of the performance), in the eyes of the extreme right the course of which Jeff Marrecord of his act, Richard Pryor Live in Concert.

Pryor shares with the late Lenny Bruce the technique for making comedy out of rabon subjects like death, sex, excretion. There is much to be said for the liberating and cathartic effect of this kind of comedy; but Pryor is less clear in his

for the gods whom she worships.

Wagner was very soon to con-centrate his creative energy on

those pre-Christian gods, while he wrote The Ring. But he cate-gorically indicated that Ortrud

should collapse when her vic. in is restored as the new monarch.

Moshinsky's version flies a new kite which looks like a wild

Yet one must congramiate a

producer who draws thought provoking ideas out of Wagner's

Lohengrin. Congratulations also

go to Varviso who conducted the score with unconcealed de-

light, and drew quantities of superb, exquisitely controlled and stylish playing from the orchestra, as well as fervent

choral singing, far more alert than three years ago. Miss Kubiak, much admired here in

other roles, sounded in poor voice, though apologies were not made. She evidently knows the part inside out, exercised con-

siderable artistry and acted charmingly, in the somewhat sugary vein which must be part of Moshinsky's conception, since

her predecessor gave a similar

portraval.

attitudes and less subtle in his propagandising than was Bruce, in his way a moral idealist. Pryor sometimes comes out as unequivocally racist and sexist; unequivocally racist and sexist; and always he's much too dirty-mouthed to take your mother to. There is no denying, how-ever, the brilliance of his per-formance, whether he's acting out a malevolent heart going into attack, a horse, a dog or a white liberal.

A less ferocious aspect of American coloured culture can be seen in The Last of the Blue Devils, a film shot by Bruce Ricker in 1974-75 when a group of veteran black jazz musicians who had emerged in Kansas City in the Twenties and Thirties were gathered there again, 40 years after the disbanding of Bennie Moten's legendary orchestra in which most of them had played. The dominant figures of the

group are Count Basie, who was then 70, his contemporary and mentor Jay McShann (whose own band once included Charlie Parker) and the blues single Bir Los the blues singer Big Joe Turner. Together with their fellow performers these stout, genial and majestic old men reminisce in the way of old men, about the times and the people that were, the old escapades and triumphs.

When they start to play, though, the years fall away. They make music with a youth and vigour and assurance that are in no way shamed by the reminder, through rare fragments of film shot 40 and 50 years ago, of performances in days when they were still young and slim and reckless. Menahem Golan's The Magi-

cian of Lublin is one of those films which is so far from its original—here the novel by Isaac Bashevi Singer-that it is hard to see why the director even bothered to adapt it. True, taken the broad idea of the character of Yasaa, the charaing, faithless, opportunist magician from a Jewish community in provincial Tsarist Poland, whose incorrigible philandering and over-weening ambition to be a great professional entertainer in the end undo him-where-after he embraces the spiritual

life to become a hermit and holy man. But the mystical and metaphysical elements of Singer's novel, along with his deep fascination with Jewish culture and oppression and psy-chology, quite escape Golan. Instead he interpolates his

own kitsch and frightful inven-tions, like the clown makeup adopted by Yasha's mistress for her suicide, and the bizarre finale of the story. In fairness to Singer, whether you like his work or not, it must be adminted that whatever is worst in the that whatever is worst in the film is the invention and addition of the director. Golan's evident delight in bared bosoms even extends to requiring the exposure of Shelley Winters.

The film was made in Germany, and Golan had ample funds to stage his spectacle with opulence, though with little discretion: it is typical

little discretion: it is typical of the picturesque excesses that cars and penny-furthing bicycles run side by side in the streets of 1900 Warsaw. There is small wonder that generally good actors—Alan Arkin, Louise Flercher, Valerie Perrine—show little enchusiasm and emerge with less credit. Only the ever-excellent Lou Jacobi brings some life to the film, in the role of Yasha's long-suffering agent. David Cronenberg is a young

Canadian director who is dis-tinctly a creature from the age of The Exorcist. He has spe-cialized in horror films that combine elements of sci-fi and the supernatural with realistic detail of medical and preferably purulent abnormalities. The Brood is representative, the story of a deranged lady (Samantha Eggar) whose rages, stimulated by a wild-eyed psychiatrist (Oliver Reed), bring on strange pregnancies and the birth of infant monsters who go round clubbing to death people she doesn't fancy. There is no denving David Cronenberg's growing skill at staging horror and producing the authentic frisson; and if audiences still retain from the Seventies their craving to feel their flesh creep and their stomachs turn, his new film should prove a commercial hit.

David Robinson

selves; or of the sparkling vitality and limitless charm to be enjoyed in the C major geniality of Schubert's sixth symphony, but which was left unrealized in rhythmic momen-tum that had more lurch and tum that had more lurch and lilt to it, and in the way that each phrase of the adorable slow movement was pitched on the same level and that of its neighbour, oblivious to the composer's sense of colour and

perspective. There was stronger feeling for character to be heard from for character to be heard from the guest soloist. Pascal Devoyon. French pianists in general deserve sympathy in having to be aware of not one but five concertos by Seint-Gaëns ratfling their skeletons in the musical cupboard, but it is usually No 2 in G minor (Op 22) that is brought out and revivified. This the visizor did with an evident helief in Alfred Cortof's dictum that it reflects CortoPs dictum that it reflects "more intelligence than sensi-bility, more verve than feel-ings", enlivening it with accomings", enlivening it with accom-plished brilliance as well as grace of manner in the fanciful middle movement.

The orchestral playing gave dequate support, but it was in the clearer chamber writing of the "Dumbarton Oaks" concerto by Stravinsky that the ensemble performance approached a more acceptable character as well as instrumental skill

most concertos partake. Max Bruch's work for claria late work.

into gentle, homely E minor music, bearing echoes of folksong. The way the soloists alternate in melody and accompaniment tends to produce a rather short-breathed effect. with many stopping points; yet there is a certain subdued eloquence, enhanced by Bruch's discreet, sensitive management of the orchestral textures, with a good deal of pizzicato and the

the horns. In the Allegro Moderato that follows, 100, all is sweemess and balm, with lyrical lines for the soloists, delicately accompanied; but one waits in vain for a memorable idea. Not, however, for too long: for with a telling little phrase on the English horn, and a pianissimo on the trumpets, we are into the finale, full of brassy fanfares and orchestral lines garnished with ornamental solo writing.

Harry Blech and the London Like Mozart's work for Mozart Players, who nowadays clarinet and viola, it begins often dip a toe gingerly into the venture into the twentieth to let us hear this rarity. The admirable soloists were Thea

Accidental Death of an Anarchist

Wyndham's

Irving Wardle

It is a curious situation whereby a fringe company pledged to comes galloping to the rescue of the tottering West End: but, far from suffering the marks of compromise, this acclaimed Belt and Braces roadshow creates the electric atmosphere reserved for radical groups that, successfully penetrate the bour-geois heartland. Given the subject of Dario Fo's play, it also helped that Wednesday's opening coincided with the Operation Countryman disclosures.

Fo, a vast name in European popular theatre and still tually unknown over here, wrote the play 10 years ago in the immediate aftermath of the Milanese scandal of Gluseppe Pinelli, an anarchist railroad worker who "precipitated" from a fourth-storey window during police interrogation.
Official inquiries having listed his death as a suicidal acknowledgment of terrorist guilt, Fo reopened the case in this dramatized mock-investigation based on documentary evidence and police records. One can imagine the dour hatcher job some of our committed writers would have made of it.

Fo's play, by contrast, absorbs social indignation into mainstream Italian comedy, and, hands the investigation over to a trickster related to the commedia clown and Zuck-mayer's Captain of Koepernick-

The programme lists him as a maniac, though that is, only one of the aliases with which he cheats the authorities. Fo gives him one preliminary. scene in which (improbably) he gets his bands on the Pinelli files, and then lets him loose on the quaking fourth-storey-butchers, disguised as a chief counsellor for the Italian Supreme Court, upholding national honour by shooting their story movings and devistheir story to pieces and devising a more coherent pack of

This in surn is the prelude to more transformations, including his reappearance as a one-legged piratical foreusic expert. The masquerade is pushed to the point of lunacy to make the point that no false nose or right wig can ever rival the limitless mendacity of police. Gavin Richards, adapter.

director, and lead performer, occupies the centre of a production combining good humour-

But there is real danger in his alternately bullying and grovelling adversaries; not to mention those moments when guitars are passed through the window for a communal sing-song. Mr Richards takes care, to dissociate Fo from the show's coat-trailing topicalities. And his stage offers the arrest-ing novelty of a vertical panorama, viewed through the window, by means of which the set visibly ascends from the second to the fourth floor.

Open Secres BBC 1

Michael Ratcliffe

After Flixborough the government drew up a list of 400 industrial installations considered potential major bazards to the community-a list it was naturally considered not in the public interest to make public. Peter Williams in his 30-minute report on the widespread lun-gers of putting petrochemical technology into buildings for which it was never intended, reckons that there were probably up to a further 5,000 factories across the country imposing a threat of some kind.

One of these, Artwaters in Preston, went bang six months ago, killing two workmen and inflicting great damage on the residential terraces and playground alongside, and this was where Mr Williams started, before extending his inquiry to Tameside where a plastics industry has been similarly improvised inside huge nineteenth-century palaces originally devoted to cotton, and to the Cheshire bank of the Merseywhere it has been more or less custom-built from scratch.

Everybody wanted more in-formation and there was not much about. The chairman of the Environmental Health committee received letters from the government inspector which-were worse than useless guides to anything he might wish to do to protect his own citizens. The inspector in turn said he would only comment on the information, often inadequate, which the local authority gave him. Back to the Committee: how much were the manufacturers obliged to tell local authorities about changes of use and exactly what went on in their factories? Not much. Commercial secrets were jea-. lously guarded. How much could the laymen at the town hall be expected to understand when handling technical plan-ning applications anyway? Halton, in Cheshire, employed. an independent consultant to advise them-which sounded like money well spent.

People living outside the factory walls knew least of all:
"As I was shurring the window," remembered one woman in Preston, "it burst into flames."

The courtesy with which Mr. Williams pressed his ominous questions and the decency ofalmost everyone he talked to, not to mention an apocalyptic winter sunrise, mellow sunshine on old mill walls and fells in the background clear enough to. touch, all had the effect of making this Open Secret even more urgent and scary than it. ... might have been with mere ugliness and bloodymindedness on show.

Some of the notices on this. page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.



Teresa Kubiak creaking at the joints, but also effectively to make intelligible the nature of the dramatic con-

flict-who will win, Ortrud or Lohengrin, Wotan or Jesus? On both counts Moshinsky succeeds
—even if the conclusion controversially leaves Ortrod in con-trol of the situation, erect be-neath the altar of the horned ram, while all others are ashast at the collapse of Elsa and de-parture of Lohengrin. Not even Gottfried's reappearance compensaring, though he should properly stupely her, whose winthcraft had turned him into

Orrud does not actually exult, but as the curtain falls we see her calmly confident that Christianity is no match

and could only be heard on points of law. Despite recom-

mendations by senior jurists and the House of Lords that

Mr Anderson's case be heard,

the Secretary of State for Scot-

land has consistently refused

to yield, resting, it would seem,

on secret police files rather than the public record.

John Hale's dry dramatiza-tion of Mr Anderson's story

creates an odd situation by

offering only the case for the

defence. The real oddity, how-

ever, is that the prosecution has never made its case clear,

preferring to push Mr Anderson

quietly out of public life, six

months after the Profumo scandal, to bringing charges against him at that time:

charges very similar to those

that finally brought the damaging conviction in Ayr.

that nearly every accusation included was that someone look-

ing like Mr Anderson would

The others are in fine form:
Rene Kollo a virile, ringing
hero, Robert Lloyd a grandly
sonorous King, Donald McInayre
determined, however pur down,
as Telramund. Eva Randova's compelling, very sinister Ortrud, thrilling in "Entweihte Götter" and the duer that precedes it. would have stolen the show without Moshinsky and Var-viso to give her performance a worthy setting, however disturbing by implication. appeal on matters of fact in a summary trial. Any appeal rested on the convicting sheriff's version of the hearing,

approach women and ask them to practise judo, presumably so they might humiliate him. It would seem that on at least one occasion Mr Anderson could not have been near the scene and it is his belief that the absurd offence was chosen by people seeking to frame him.

David Scase's production is necessarily sober, with the anonymous charges rolling Big Brother-like from a loudspeaker. The actor who must portray and defend Mr Anderson, Malcolm Tierney, is gently supported at all times by the company, including Randal Herley as the psychiatrist who uncovers through hypnosis a possible connexion with Soviet espio-

Their efforts are strong and convincing, raising the spectres of spy plots and police ven-dentas without hysteria, but it waits for the state to determine justice. An audience of Solomons in Manchester can do One almost indicrous detail no more than the Lords have hat nearly every accusation already done to call the attentioned was that someone lookgreat injustice.

Wren Orchestra/Snell Queen Elizabeth Hall

Noel Goodwin

My first encounter with the Wren Orchestra, which itself nestles under the wing of radio, was not among the more life-enhancing experiences. The programme was certainly appealing, embracing as it did Tippett and Stravinsky as well as Schubert and Saint-Saëns, but there was a certain sameness of approach to their works which nullified much of the assortment. Of course it must be difficult for such an orchestra, when the players know that their efforts are being recorded for a later Sunday transmission on Capital between 4 and 6 o'clock, but 4 and 6 o'clock in the morning, which might be peak hours for some things but not, I would think, for intelligent musical

This was a programme where awareness counted for a great deal; of the ingenuity of texture and extraordinary range of mood within the modest scale of Sir Michael Tippert's Divertimento on "Sellinger's Round", for instance, where the orchestra's regular con-ductor, Howard Snell, left too many matters of balance and phrasing to take care of them-

London Mozart Players/Blech Festival Hall

The very choice of clarinet and viola as partners for a double concerto is a commisment as to the kind of work it is to be. These are docile instruments, soft-spoken, disinclined to rhetoric, hardly amenable to the kinds of virtuosity of which

net, viola and orchestra disturbs no expectations. Barely known even to those few who know more of Bruch than the G minor violin concerto and a small handful of other pieces for violin, or cello, and orchestra, it had on Wednesday what was claimed as its London premiere. Its opus number, 88, indicates

andante and grows quicker by nineteenth century, did well to degrees over its three movements. After an unpretentious flourish for each instrument, rather like a miniature, emas- King and John Glickman, who culated version of the opening brought all possible skill and of Brahms's Op 102, it settles warmth to the music.

Stanley Sadie

occasional romantic phrase from

FOREIGN REPORT

Time for American dictating to stop

This has been a great year for surprises in American presiden-tial politics. Mr George Bush was favourite to win the Republican nomination for a few heady weeks after his victory in the Iowa caucuses on January 21. Now he is battling Mr John Anderson for second place, behind Mr Ronald Reagan.

There are doubtless more surprises to come. Mr Bush should certainly not be written off vet. He will have to turn in some sort of a decent show-ing the southern primaries to-morrow and next Tuesday, and then go into a decisive series of battles in Illinois (Mr Annderson's home state) on March 18, and in Connecticut and New York on March 25.

He has the most experience of the content of foreign affairs of Mr Carter's

rivals and his views represent those of the old bi-partisan establishment—a fact for which he is roundly assailed by Mr Reagan. Europeans would prohably feel more comfortable with him than with most of the other candidates (including the President), a consideration that will have no discernable effect on the outcome of the race.

Mr Bush is now 56. He was born in Massachusetts and went to Yale. He was a pilot during the war and was shot down by the Japanese. He ran a successfal oil equipment firm in Texas

before entering politics. He has been a congressman from Houston, and unsuccessful can-didate for the Senate, charman of the Republican Party, permanent representative to the United Nations, head of the American mission to China and director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Brogan: You claim to see the world as it is, not as you wish it to be. Could you elaborate

Bush : It is a world where the Soviet Union seeks superiority, not parity. The Soviet Union sees us as weak, sees us as vacillating under Carter. In my view they don't want war at this juncture, probably at any juncture, but they want to spread fregerrony, as the Chinese would say, they want to seek political advantage wherever they can, they want to have access to oil supplies in the Middle East. They want to establish Soviet dominance in many areas. Brogan: Do you think it's just access they want to oil, or con-

Bush: They could go to the else, bur I don't see them doing that, the spot market or any other kind of market. They're other kind of diarker. They're doing very strange things for a power that wants relaxation of tensions. They're spending much, much more on their defence than they need to. They have parity. They're doing political things that they meedn't be doing if they wanted relaxation of tensions. I think they see the United States, and some degree the West, as weak and therefore they figure, well, we'll take two steps for ward for every step we take back. Now that doesn't need to worry us, but we need to understand that

Brogan: Do you subscribe to the view that they were drawn into Afghanistan because it was and the opportunity offered, or did they have a long-term strategy? Do these old men in the Kremlin bave a real

Bush: It's bard for me to read exactly what the Kremlin is doing. But clearly their inerests weren't being threatened by anything that was going on in Afghanistan. I do think they miscalculated. I think they underestimated world opinion. I think they saw us tied down in the turnoll in Iran, saw the alliance a little bit loose, won-dering about the United States will, and I think when they see what they think turmoil for someone else, they're apt to take advantage of it. They see they can do something and that's It's so very clear, I don't

even see what's arguable. that it shouldn't have taken Even now that he says he does understand it. people aren't sure. The Olympic Games are off, he set a deadline, a big line has been drawn in the sand. February 30, but I hear on television some administration official say, well, maybe, it will be

The Iranian diplomats must be out of our country in five days. Forty-five days later, not a one of them has left . . . some of them are big things, some of them are little things. They're symptomatic of why the people in the Kremlin are confused about Carter, and why our allies are confused about him and why countries like China are confused about him. They with different voices in the administration. There seems to be a swing from one extreme carter said, I forget the exact word, we share the same desires and designs, something like that, we no longer need be driven by an inordinate fear of communism. All of which oversignals our affection for the Russians, symbolised by the kiss for Brezhnev. And then we make no and go back the other way, so you have Clark Clifford talking about war and you have Brzezinski standing at the Khy-ber Pass looking like some kind of a gung-ho warrior. We have been fighting registration all fall, and then in the wake of we need registration.

Brogan: Europeans think, I believe, now, that Carter not only hasn't got a long term strategy, but he's inclined to shoot from the hip, and miss.

Bush: I really believe that's correct. The deployment of the enhanced radiation weapon is a

Patrick Brogan interviews Mr George Bush, once the favourite for the Republican nomination but now engaged in a surprising three-way battle



Mr George Bush: 'You have to be sensitive to everything'.

not know what to believe from Look at the turmoil between Brzezinski and Vance. This administration didn't invent tension between the National Security Adviser and the Secre-tary of State, as we all know, but the signals coming our of these two areas are different. When you had Andrew Young

in there as a loose cannon on a rolling deck, you had a third signal coming out. It just con-fused the hell out of our allies. Brogan: This takes me to the nub of it, which is not your view about Russia but your view about the United States' role in the world. It seems to dropped very dramatically in nelative terms.

Bush: My view of the United States' power is that we have no choice but to be, in conjunc tion with our allies, the only credible deterrent to the Soviet Union. If someone can convince me that the new generation of leaders in the Soviet Union want relaxation of tensions; really want to respect other countries; really don't want to change the systems of other countries, then I would

change my view. But until then, we must deter Soviet adventure by strategic parity and by keeping our conventional forces from slipping behind. As important we have to change certain political things. You hear in American politics of one-issue politics, abortion, equal rights amendment, all these singleissue politics. Well, we seem

to have a single-issue foreign Carter spells out a broad policy on nuclear proliferation. but he does not seem to realize we are not going to dictate to the Germans, the French, the Argentinians or Brazil or somebody else, you know, whether they have peaceful use for nuclear power, and we cur-tail aid to Pokistan and then wake up and say,

Pakistan, we need you. Pakistan does not understand.
We curtail wheat to Russia the Argentinians will not go along when we have been hitting them with our foreign human rights policy. No matte how conscionable it may be, and how admirable in pure idealistic terms, we have to realize that we are not choosing always between good and evil. Yes, we should try to get our friends to adhere to objective standards of moral behaviour, but you are not going to compel that kin of behaviour to fit some mould out of the Under-Secretary level in the State Department.

Brogan: You would be the first president to realize that you can't dictate to the allies. as 20 years ago the United States used to be able to. Bush: It's a different relationship today. That doesn't mean you can't strengthen the

We are not going to do it that

Brogan: Connally doesn't seem to realize that, that extraordinary line he used about letting the Japanese sir on the dock in Yokahama in their Toyotas, watching their tele

Bush: I do think that there's some unfair trade practices, but the way you do it is you don't publicly humiliare somebody, particularly the Japanese. You don't bully allies.

Brogan: The Japanese are going to produce more motor cars this year than the United States. There's a different relationship now, and I don't think Connally realizes this. Bush: He has a point but I

Europe should be confused and think he over emphasizes it, and that is that we need fair trade, if we're going to stay productive, if we're going to have good employment, if we're going to bave jobs, we've got to be able to fairly compete and we no longer have such an edge on productivity that we can give away the store My view on diplomacy is that

you consult, you work closely with people, you try to lead, your allies are going to be look-ing to you for certain things. It gives you a certain unique leadership role. Our allies understand that. They just don't want to be bullied, they don't want to be treated like second-class citizens. You have to understand

It seems quite clear that Carter and his guys from Georgia have really no appreciation of "abroad", they have never really been out of

Bush: My view of it is that there is a certain sense of un-reality that exists. They're very unrealistic about Castro. I'm not relaxed about Castro in this hemisphere. Talking about human rights, I would have pol-icy to adhere to. I wouldn't be moving closer to Castro at the same time I was kicking around Argentina and Brazil.

I don't understand what motirates some of the people that he has, like Mrs Derian in the State Department, and others. he goes over and lectures Lee Kuan Yew, or has somebody do it, in Singapore, insensitive to the problems Lee Kuan Yew has in that part of the world. Brogan: Jimmy Carter sent

his wife to lecture the Brazilians on human rights. Bush: I've been publicly critical of that I have a different concept of diplomacy-and I also would try to have a policy that would be sensitive to the cultures of other people. It might be fine if your wife goes somewhere and does something, but mine is not going to be mak-ing foreign policy. I guarantee you, nor does she think she will.

There have been advertise-ments in the newspapers for Deputy Assistant Secretary of -what a way to demoralize the foreign service. Advert-isements, my God. like they wanted a computer operator at Brogan: It had to be some-

one sensitive to the interests of American minorities. sitive to everything, and I don't American minorities, but I do ity in his approach to foreign affairs, and military affairs. They're coupled together. The quotation be used in his campaign-too much defence, too many troops overseas, too many big snot generals: I mean, this is the real bim; this is what got him elected, this is what he belieres, this is why he cut the defence budget, this is why he has projected a certain sense of This is why he makes a deci-

sion on the neutron bomb and then is so ready to pull back from it. this is the real Carter and the real Carter hasn't got what it's going to take to turn things around in the 80s. I'm just sure of that.

Brogan: 1 believe that the big crisis in the 80s is going be in Eastern Europe. Middle East goes without say-ing but the time-bomb is Poland, Hungary again.

Bush: That's certainly not all Brogan: Well, it does depend now the United States reacts. Bush: Whether we are perceived as a beacon of freedom, whether we really believe what line.

we've said all these years, that what we've stood for all these years is still our conviction. I believe that peace is enhanced by a realistic, strong foreign policy that accentuates the positive things about the

Brogan: How well do you know the European leaders, as opposed to those on the other side of the world?

Bush: I don't know the chiefs of state very well. I've met Margaret Thatcher, I've met Giscard d'Estaing, I've met Helmut Schmidt several times. I know the Chinese leaders, probably better than anyone else knows them, but I know people in Europe, I bave a perception of the countries, through various ambassadors, various interactions with individuals. The UN was probably viduals. The UN was probably

Brogan : One of Carter's great disasters has been his relations with the Germans, which have been bad from the beginning the Olympic boycott.

Bush: It's undependability. I you up, not agree with you on everything, respect you when you had a difference, and be grateful that you at least had a certain constancy. And that doesn't mean that under no circumstances are the constances of the constances of the constances of the constances. comstances would you change your mind. But it does mean that you wouldn't vacillate, that you would be a predictable friend and that is something that I don't think Carter reali-zes. I think he's driven by a perception that love will solve all these problems.

I think he meant it when he said too much defence, too many generals, too many this, too many that, I think he meant it when he thought he could get Pakistan to change its nuclear policy, or when he thought he could get our allies nor to go forward with greater techno-logy. To get the world the way he wants it to be, you've got to realize the way it is, and he

Brogan: How dangerous is it, in the next few years.

Bush: My perception is it doesn't need to be dangerous because I don't see that the Soviet Union, faced with deter mined, constant, unified, strong opposition wants war. They still feel that they're going to dominate as I told you, they still seek superiority, but they take those two steps forward when they see us weak. Not when they see us strong.

Brogan: America is reduced to relying on some exceedingly weak allies in the Middle East—Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan.

Bush: I tell you what going to prove troubling. If the Huyser mission in Iran Ja United States general who flew to Iran to stop the military takmilitary, you stay in the barracks, and then get lined up and shot, it would deeply trouble our allies. They're goir to be deeply troubled, they're not going to want to be out front bragging on how great the Shah was, because they're going to look what happened. That whole Iran thing-it's not a good time to analyse it, but it's

very troubling. Brogan: The way the govern ment was selling oil to Iran and making friends with the Ayatollah, and then they took the

Bush: I do not see it as all that complex. I do not see it as all that easy either but I think you can turn around this perception of doubt. doubt that exists because of a

I find the terminology of playing the China card is offensive. I think it offends the Chinese, frankly. The rela tionship should not be built on, hey, the Soviets are doing naughty things therefore let us send a big team over to China. The relationship with China's gotta be built on something different from that, better than that, bigger, stronger than that and it is not going to be based on reacting to the take-over and they know that. The only reason China goes along is becern about the Soviet Union that a lot of us do. They do not like to be referred to as a jack of diamonds in a bridge game or something like that. Play the China card " it is offensive. Bad diplomacy.

I used the example of Carter going to Mexico and talking about Montezuma's revenge. People laugh, but I do not mean it to be funny. I think it is a very serious affront to a country whose culture and whose traditions we have go to respect if we are going to have better relations. It is a damn good example, a serious example, and yet it is so ugly that people laugh about it. I think it's We're saving, hey, you guys have got a lot of oil, we im-perialists want to have it today. Did you hear the funny one about how I dont dare drink the water? That's terrible

diplomacy.

Brogan: To go back to the beginning, the power of the United States, relatively, isn't what it was in the 1950s so what the Europeans want is leadership because for historical reasons they are no longer capable of it, and a recognition by the leader that the leader is now just first among equals It's a very difficult balancing

Bush: It's not easy. You have start convincing people that you've understood this exactly what you've said, and that we are not the great table pounding chruvinists that are Law Report March 6 1980-----

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Lawton and Lord Justice Ackner

Although the sinister trade of pornography flourishes and the state of the law and its enforcement justifies consideration by the Arrorney General, the police carry out their duties in the best way they can in a difficult situation and there is no justification for the courts meddling with the way the commissioner of police performs his duties.

The Court of Appeal, in reserved.

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The Court of Appeal, in reserved,
Judgments, dismissed with costs
the appeal of Mr Raymond Blackburn, against the refusal of the
Divisional Court (the Lord Chief
Justice, Lord Justice Browne and
Mr Justice Watkins) to grant him
an order of mandamus remuting Mr Justice Watkins) to grant him an order of mandamus requiring the commissioner of police to en-force or secure the enforcement of the law against those who filegally published or sold obscene material.

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was refused. Mr Blackburn in person; Mr Bonald Farquharson, QC, and Mr Michael Gettleson for the com-

missioner.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the recent case of the "Fleet Street casuals" (The Times. February 2E) showed that a public-spirited citizen was entitled to come to court to be heard if he could point to a failure by a public authority to do its duty which in the public interest, should be remedied.

House of Lords

Imperial Tobacco Ltd and Another v Attorney General and Another

permined.

The House of Lords allowed an appeal by the Attorney General from the Court of Appeal (the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Ornnod and Lord Justice Browne) (1979] 1 QB 555) which had allowed an appeal by plaintiffs, Imperial Tobacco Ltd and Imperial Group Ltd, tobacco manufacturers, from Mr Justice Donaldson and granted them a declaration against the Attorney General that their Spot Cash promotion scheme was

Mr Peter Taylor, QC, Mr Simon Brown and Mr Andrew Collins for the Attorney General; Mr Stanley Brodie, QC, and Mr Stephen Nathan for the company.

VISCOUNT DILHORNE said that on December 13. 1978, Imperial had taken out an originating summons in the Commercial Court for a declaration that schemes they had operated on and after October 9, 1978, were lawful and did not contravene the Lot-

—in other words, a declaration that they were not guilty of criminal offences.

in Players King Size which were marked "Spot rould, if the card had a prize ranging from £1,000 to £1 or "free packet" printed on It three times, with such a prize of the amount so printed or a free packet. A further 2.500,000 cards having to make any purchase.

In the short time it operated,

been committee when the applica-tion was made, and the proper place for the determination of imperial's guilt or innocence was a criminal and not a civil court.

on November 24, 1978. Imperial were asked by letter from the director's office for an assurance that the promotions would be discontinued immediately pending the outcome of the trial and told that the size terminated to proceed director intended to proceed the director intended to proceed on Indictment. A director of Imperial, a solicitor, Mr Douglas, replied that it had been helieved that the scheme was lawful, but that the promotion would be run down as soon as possible. A further letter from the director's

That letter appeared to Imperial to contain a threat to prosecute wholesalers and retailers as well. The company replied that they had taken out the originating summons to get the legality of the second of the research of the research of the second of the research of the second of the research of the second of the research of the re scheme determined at the earlies

possible date.

The first question was whether the Spot Cash acheme was an unlawful lottery so far as the 260 million cards in the packets were concerned. Section 1 of the 1976 Act declared that all lotteries which did not constitute expelies.

sing films.

Mr Blackburn had shown that
the river of pornography had
flooded over in the past six years. flooded over in the past six years. There were pornographic magazines divided by the Director of Public Prosecutions into (1) "soft porn"; (2) "medium porn"; (3) "high porn". Mr Blackburn had bought at a stall at the Temple station a magazine called Whitehouse, openly displayed in the heart of respectable London which his Lordship would hold obscene and fit to be condemned—yet it would only be regarded as grade 2 porn. What must grade 3 be like?

Printed books abounded in which every page was pornographic and without literary merit. The Committee on Obscemity had recommended that no publication consisting only of the written word should be liable to supression or restriction. Of the recommended that the publication of the supression of the start of the property and the supression of restriction.

word should be liable to supression or restriction. Of the recommendation Lord Rawlinson of Ewell had quoted Lord Melbourne: "All the clever men were on one side and all the damn fools on the other, and ead Sir, the damn fools were right."

Worst of all were the "blue films", openly exhibited in Soho

Declaration intruded into criminal domain

Before Viscount Dilhorne, Lord

Lord Lane

Where a prosecution for criminal offences has been properly instituted, it is not a proper exercise of a civil court's discretion to grant to the defendant in the criminal proceedings a declaration that the facts to be alleged by the prosecution do not in law prove the offence charged. By making such a declaration the civil court would be improperly intruding into the criminal court's domain and such intrusion should not be permitted.

the Attorney General that their Spot Cash promotion scheme was lawful and did not contravene the provisions of the Lotteries and Amusements Act, 1976, as being either a lottery or an unlawful competition,

Mr Peter Taylor, QC, Mr Simon Brown and Mr Andrew Collins for

teries and Amusements Act, 1976

Imperiial had allocated £19.8m for 1978/79 to promote the sale of Players cigarettes. For the "Spot Cash" promotion scheme 262,250,000 cards were printed, 260 million were to be inserted The purchaser of a marked packet were distributed to retallers and wholesalers and members of the

from October 9 to November 27, 1978, sales of King Size cigarettes increased by 39.9 per cent. British American Tobacco Company, one of Imperial's com-petitors, were advised that the Spot Cash scheme was an unlawful lottery. They applied to the Attorney General for his consent to a relator action by them against Impertal. The Attorney General refused his consent, and a prosecution was started on the instruc-tions of the Director of Public Prosecutions by the laying of informations in Nottingham magistrates' court. Lord Denning in his judgment wondered why consent had been refused. If his Lordship had been Attorney General he would have refused his consent without hesitation. If the Spot Cash scheme was an unlawful lot-tery, criminal offences had already been committed when the applica-

office, not expressed to be written on behalf of the director, appeared to say that there was no defence to the prosecution.

which did not constitute gaming were unlawful lotteries, and the scheme did not come within any exception. The Act did not define a lottery. His Lordship reviewed many authorities [which Lord Denning had thought were wrongly decided and concluded that on the facts of the case there was a pay-ment for a chance when in return for the money paid the customer secured a chance as well as a packet of cigarettes, and that on the authorities made the scheme

of the Act which made it an offence for any person to conduct "in connexion with any trade or business or the sale of any article to the public " a competition in which success did not depend to a substantial degree on the exercise of skill.

The most important question was whether the court could in the proper exercise of its discretion grant the declaration. The judge thought it could but did not grant it as he thought that the scheme was a lottery and an unlawful competition. The Court of Appeal, holding that it was neither, granted it.

form a precedent for the commer-cial and other civil courts tsurping the functions of the criminal courts. Publishers might be tempted to seek declarations that what they proposed to publish was not a criminal libel, blasphermous or obscene. If in the present case where the declaration sought was not in respect of future conduct but in respect of what had already taken place. It could properly be granted. Such a declaration was no bar to a criminal prosecution, no matter the authority of the court which granted it.

which granted it.

Such a declaration, however, made after the commencement of the prosecution, and in effect a finding of guilt or innocence of the offence charged, could not found a plea of antirefois acquit or surrefois convict, though it might well prejudice the criminal proceedings, the result of which would depend on the facts proved and might not depend solely on admissions made by the accused, if a civil court of great authority declared on admissions made by the accused that no crime had been committed, one could foresee the use that might be made of that the criminal trial.

The Court of Appeal justifica-tion for taking the unusual and unprecedented course—for no case had been cited where a civil court had granted, after the commence-ment of a prosecution, a declara-tion that no offence had been committed—was said to be the length of time it would have taken for the matter to be determined ship could see the advantages of persons being able to obtain rulings on whother or not certain conduct on which they proposed to embark would be criminal, and it might be a defect in our present system that it did not provide for they

But here it was not a question whether future conduct would be permissible but whether acts done were criminal. His Lordship did were criminal. His Lordship did not agree that the administration of justice would belie its name if dvit courts refused to answer reasonable questions on whether certain conduct was or was not lawful. The administration of justice would become chaotic it justice would become custors it after the start of a prosecution declerations of innocence could be obtained from a civil court. What was the urgency? The scheme's operation began in October, 1978, and was to end on March 31 1979. It might be the March 31, 1979. It might be that far too much time clapsed nowa-days before accused persons were tried on indictment; but why should imperial be singled out for special treatment? If the case had been tried summarily in Meetingham meniperates, court his case had been tried summarily in Nottingham magistrates' court his Lordship doubted if it would have taken longer to reach the House. A magistrates' court was the best court for the determination of the question whether a scheme was an unlawful lottery or unlawful competition, for whatever the result, there could be an appeal by way of case stated on facts found by the magistrates. There could, of course, be no appeal should a triad on indictment result in a verther of not gulfty. In the present case the director said he would seek triad on indictment, presumably because it was telt because it was tell

presumably because it was left that the magistrates would not have power to impose a heavy enough penalty. Whether in a case like the present, when imperial honestly believed, in the light of legal advice, that the scheme was lawful, a Crown Court would have imposed a heavier penalty than the magistrates might be open to doubt.

It was not necessary to decide whether a declaration as to the criminality or otherwise of future conduct could ever properly be made by a civil court. In his Lordship's opinion it would be a very exceptional case in which it would be right to do so, and it could not be right to grant a declaration that an accused was innocent after a prosecution had started.

His Lordship would allow the appeal. As it was clear that the originaring summons was taken out in order, if possible, to avoid threatened prosecutions of wholesalers and retailers, the proper order as to costs would he no order as to costs in the House and Lord Edmund-Davies concurred in holding that the appeal should Lord Edmund-Davies concurred in holding that the appeal should be allowed. Lord Fraser delivered a speech for allowing the appeal. Lord Scarman agreed with the Lord Scarman agreed with the specches of Viscount Dilhorne and Lord Lane (for allowing the appeal) but would not allow the

Attorney General any costs in the House or below. Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Trower, Still & Keeling.

Regina v Metropolitum Police
Commissioner, Ex parte Blackburn

Before Lord Denning, Master of
the Rolls, Lord Justice Lawton
and Lord Justice Ackner

Although the sinister trade of
pornography flourishes and the
state of the law and its enforcement justifles consideration by the
Attorney General, the police carry
out their duties in the best way

The Previous cases brought by Mr and no doubt elsewhere. The
Blackburn ([1968] 2 CB 118: Maffa were prominent in marketing them.

Sol) had led to the reform of the law was completely ineffective it
was to be found in the disclosures
material in 1973 by Sir. Robert
made last week in The Times and
Mark (see the report of the The Sunday Times as to datacommittee on Obscenity, parayiewing: Anyone with the Post
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out their duties in the best way If proof were needed that the law was completely, ineffective it was to be found in the disclosures made last week in The Times and The Sunday Times as to data-ylewing. Anyone with the Post Office system could on pressing a key get information about shops in Soho where pornographic magazines and books could be bought. That publicity had now been stopped. Remis from porn shops were said to range from £12,000 to £20,000 a year.

The law was clear to the extent

The law was clear to the extent that it prohibited all pornographic material of such hardness that it was put by the DPP in grades 2 and 3. But in spice of being prohibited by law the trade openly flourished.

Mr Blackburn said that the Mr Blackburn said that the police at the stations were hampered by their superiors at New Scotland Yard: The duty of any constable under section 3(3) of the Act was hampered by a number of intervening steps. Having read the affidavit of Commander Kathleen Skillern and the analysis of the regulations by Lord Justice Browne in the Divisional Court, his Lordship thought it right to say that the police were carrying out their duties in the best possible way, with the resources at their command. The fault lay with the wording of the statute with its

their command. The fault lay with the wording of the statute with its nest of obscealty and the defence of the public good; and also with different interpretations by the courts and even magistrates.

The pormographers were cocking a smook at the law. Only the "front men"; inside the cinema, were caught. When prosecutions were instituted there were many ways of avoiding their impact: demand trial by jury, challenge the jury, even if there were a feeding of gority the chances were that there would only be a fine.

Although the Act gave rise to

fine.

Although the Act gave rise to difficulties, much of the present pornographic trade was illegal beyond all doubt. It was an affront to the law that it should be flouted so blatamity. Could nothing be done?

done?

His Lordship was not sure that the Attorney General should be deterred by some of the observations in Gowier's case ([1978] AC tions in Gourier's case ([1978] AC 435) about the suggestion of bringing "relator actions to restrain the present abuses by injunction" ([1968] 2 QB 118, 144). Action might be taken against the owners or occupiers or managers of the premises where "bine films" were shown. They were suffering the premises to be used for the purposes of a public missance, or for, unlawful purposes, and the Attorney General might have power to seek an injunction: see Shaw v. DPP ([1962] AC 220, 267). It was a matter for the Attorney General, not for the courts: that was clear from Gouriet. He might think it better to await new legisthink it better to await new legis-lation following the report of the Committee on Obscenity and Film Censorship. That might take two

Attorney urged to consider pornography law appeal was misconceived. Reasking the court to tell the

His Lordship was shoulded in the prevalence of pornograph But he was even more should by the prevalence of crimes violence and burglary. The cor-missioner should be left to deed their job. No branch of the crainal law presented more difficulies for police officers of all raiies for police officers of all raiithan that relating to obserpublications. In trying to appthat law they required all it
help which they could get in
least from lawyers. His Lordsir
saw nothing to criticize in it
arrangements made by the or
missioner for dealing with per
ography as it was at present.

The intention of the releva
statutes was to leave the our
missioner to do his job asthought fit and to empower a
Home Secretary to remove his
if he was not doing it efficient
There was no justification for it

if he was not doing it efficient.
There was no justification for a courts to meddle with the way performed his duties.
White Mr Blackburn could a that he had "a sufficient intensin the matter to which (he application "related within Ord 53, rule 3(5) of the Rules of Supreme Court, his appeal falls.
LORD JUSTICE ACKNER, al concurring, said that there were variety of reasons why the sinis trade of pornography flourished. trade of pornography flourished the 1959 Act with its test obscenty made it difficult prognosticate the result of procurious and even forfeiture proceedings. There was also the creasing tolerance of, or blump of the sensitivity of the sensitivity. of the sensitivity to, obser-material, which made law enfor-ment much more difficult. None that was the fault of the gold The commissioner was doing to best be could in a difficult six

hackburn would be doubt junthe Attorney General looking it, not only with a view to didering amending legislation, lake the initiation by him of preedings. The commissioner, he ever, could not be criticized, withere were a large number of precutions. ecutions outstanding, for

ecutions outstanding, for applying to the Attorney Gene for him to take steps to enfor by civil process the criminal k. That jurisdiction had to be with caution.

The appeal failed on its mer but Mr Blackburn had "suffici interest" to bring the proceedin Mr Blackburn while address the court on costs and leave appeal, referred to Lord Denning. "Lord Denning retort "Tell that to the House Lords".

House of Lords

Trust to promote football charitable

Before Lord Marylebone, Lord Chancellor, Lord Diplock, Lord Salmon, Lord of Killowen and Lord

A trust set up by the Foot-ball Association whose objects were stated to be (clause 3 (a)) " to organize or provide or assist in the organization and provision of facilities which will enable and encourage pupils of schools and universities in any part of the United Kingdom to play associa-United Kingdom to play associa-tion football and thereby to assist in ensuring that due attention is given to the physical education and development of such pupils as well as to the developme and occupation of their minds eas a valld charitable trust as

The House of Lords allowed an appeal by the trustees. Mr Arthur appeal by the trustees. Mr Arthur Derek McMullen, chairman of the Football Association, Professor Sir Harold Thompson, vice-chairman, and Mr Leonard Thomas Shipman, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Stamp and Lord Justice Orr, Lord Justice Bridge dissenting) ([1979] 1 WLR 120) which dismissed an appeal by the then trustees from 664). The judge had allowed an appeal by the Revenue from a decision of the Charity Commiscioners to register the trust, the as a charity under section 4 of the Charities Act. 1960.

Mr Andrew Morrist, QC, and Mr Spencer Maurice for the trustees: Mr D. K. Rattee, QC, and Mr C. H. McCall for the commissioners: Mr John Mummery for the Attorney General. The LORD CHANCELLOR said that he agreed entirely with Lord Justice Bridge's view that what the deed meant was that the pur-pose of the settlor was to promote the physical education and development of pupils at schools and universities as an addition to such part of their education as related to their mental education by providing the facilities and assistance to games and sports in the manny set out at greater length and in greater detail in the subclauses of clause 3(a).

Did the deed set up a valid charitable trust for the advance-ment of education?

it was admitted, of course, that "charity" and "charitable" bore, for the purpose; of English law and equity, meanings totally different from the sense in which different from the sense in which they were used in ordinary educated speech, or, for instance, in the Authorized Version of the Bible. His Lordship did not agree, however, with the implied view of Lord Justice Stamp and Lord Justice Ort that "education" and "education" in the purposes of the law of chariry, meanings different from those current in present-day educated English speech.

What had to be remembered, however, was that, as Lord Wilberforce had pointed out in In re Hopkins (1963) Ch 669, 678, esp 686) and Scottish Buriul Reform and Cremation Society Lid & Glasgow Corporation (1968) AC 138, 154), both the legal conception of charity, and within it the educated man's ideas about education. or charty, and within it the eutreated man's ideas about education were not static but moving and changing. Both changed with changes in ideas about social values. Both had evolved with the years. In particular, in applying the law to contemporary circumstances it was extremely dangerous

Inland Revenue Commissioners had differed in the past great litters.

McMullen and Others from those that were now getter large accepted. In saving that, his Lordship on in the least wish to cast do on in re Nottage ([1895] 2 or enjoyment of amusement competition was not per se chr table, nor necessarily education though they might (or might a have an educational or benefit effect if diligently practised. I was his Lordship deciding ex persons of school age or i

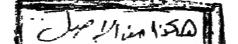
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or was not an educational purp for the young in 1980, that the was no trace in sections 7 and (1) and (2) of the Education A 1944, of an idea of educat fimited to the development mental, vocational or practi-skills, to grounds or facilities special perquisite of particit schools, or of any schools colleges, or term time, or parti-lar localities, and there express recognition of the combes and voluntary societies bodies could play even in the p motion of the purely statut system evisaged by the Act. the light of section 7 in particular the light of section 8 in the light of section 7 in particular the light of section 7 in particular the light of section 7 in particular the light of section 8 in the light of section 9 in the light education to formal instruction to cover all the activities emaged by the settlor in the pros

No authority exactly in pricould be found, but the decision Mr Justice Eve in In re Marie ([1915] 2 Ch 284) was both sim (1915) 2 Ch 284) was both sub-lating and instructive. He b said: "No one of sense could-found to suggest that betwee those ages" (10 to 19) "any b can be properly educated unit at least as much attention is giv to the development of his body is given to the development of

was a sufficient association ' ness in the object of the woor capriciousness in application by the trustees. His Lordship far from suggesting that the Occept either of education of physical education even for young was capable of indefinexension. The courts had not explored the extent to whelements of organization, instrain or the disciplined incut It was important also to remediber that their Lordships were a dealing with adult education physical or otherwise, as to which some considerations might be different. But his Lordship rejects any idea that would cramp the education of the young within the school or university syllabus. Con the control of the con fine it within the school or unier-sity campus, limit it to forms instruction. Or render it devok Lord Diplock and Lord Salmo

agreed with the Lord Chance Lord Russell delivered an opti-concurring in allowing the ap-Lord Keith delivered an opti-Chance Chance Lord Keith delivered an opinion agreeing with the Lord Chancelor Solicitors: Chethams: Solicita of Itland Revenue; Treasu: Solicitor.



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from British parts.

Motoring

Ford Britain's op seller of foreign cars

in the course of research into the mall-car market in anticipation of he Mini Metro launch in October, rirish Leyland decided to ask notorists why they bought one of e cars the Metro will be comper-

ng against, the Pord Fiesta. Three main reasons emerged: conomy, space and because it is british. Since BL led by its char-nan, Sir Michael Edwardes, has seen banging the drum of patriotism tard in the past few weeks, the idea that the Fiesta is being widely oought to help the balance of pay-

ments has raised a wry smile.

The fact is that of more than
58,000 Fiestes sold in Britain in 1979 only 11,000 were made here. The rest were imported from the Ford plant at Valencia in Spain. The chances of buying a British Fiesta, therefore, were lower than one in

The Cortina is another Ford model widely regarded as British since, like the Fiesta, it is made at Dagenham But 70,000 of the 193,000 Cortinas sold here last year were



German express—the 140mph Audi Quattro

imported, mainly from Belgium and a few from the Irish Republic. As for the Capri and Granada, they were entirely imported from West

What this means is that the biggest seller of foreign cars in Britain is not Datsun, Renault or Volkswagen but, by a very large margin Ford Importers took 56 per cent of the British market in 1979, with Ford accounting for just less than, a quarter of that figure.

Much is rightly made about the steady decline in BL's market share, from 40 per cent in the early 1970s to less than 20 per cent last year. But if imports are subtracted, the Ford story is not dissimilar: 29 per cent of the market in 1973, and 14 per cent in 1979.

Yet Ford is still widely regarded as British when it comes to making the patriotic choice. Companies deficated to a "Buy British" policy will nevertheless bend the rules to accommodate the German Granada

or the Belgian Cortina A fleet manager recently decided to demonstrate his loyalty to Britain by changing his Volvos for Granadas. Since of all foreign cars sold in Britain, the Volvo has probably the highest number of British components, it

was a questionable decision. That is not to criticize Ford, which is still the country's second biggest car producer gives employment to many British people and is one of our leading exporters. If Ford finds itself short of cars because of the inability of its British factories to provide them, can it be blamed for

calling on its resources abroad? Besides, it is not the only British company selling foreign made cars. Vauxhall last year imported more than 17,000 cars from Belgium and West Germany and Chrysler (now Talbot) brought in vehicles from France, Spain and the Irish Republic. For that matter BL itself sold more than 16,000 Minis and Allegros that were assembled at

The most contentious part of the Ford operation is its Spanish con-nexion. Like Japan in the past few decades. Spain is building up a motor industry heavily protected from foreign competition. So while Ford can sell as many Spanish Fiestas as it likes in Britain, the Spanish market is almost closed to British cars.

Whether the British car buyer, private or fleet, is much bothered by such implications is doubtful. if BL's research is accurate, and motorists are mistaking foreign Fiestas for British, there may be a case for having the country of origin prominently displayed on the vehicle in the dealer's showroom.

The growth of Ford's import penetration has received less pub-licity than it might have done because it has coincided with a de-cision by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, the source of the monthly new regis-tration figures, no longer to break down sales for each model by country of origin.

Cynics might see a conspiracy by Ford, which is strongly represented in the society's councils. The society points out, however, that collecting figures about new car sales costs £800,000 a year and that the money has to be recouped by selling that information to sub-scribers. Its fear was that if too much detail were released publicly, customers would drift away.

Automobile books:

With several excellent pug

inexpensive publications on the subject already available, the Automobile Association's Book of Driving has, at £8.95 (£7.95 to members) a point to prove. Like other AA books, it is produced in Reader's Digest style, with the emphasis on presentation. There are hundreds of pictures, charts and tables, the text is chopped up into terse paragraphs and each separate topic gets a double-page spread.

The book is divided into eight sections, with "better driving" toming at the start and "learning to drive", rather illogically, towards the end. Coverage goes well beyond driving in the strict sense of the word, making detours into in-car entertainment, running costs, insurauce and anti-theft devices. In short, the book is stuffed with useful information, though the format encourages dipping rather than susmined reading

One criticism, of a publication that will presumably stay in wrint for some years, is the use of facts and figures that could soon be our of date. Continental speed limits or drink-driving laws are one example, while the vehicle excise duty fund tax) is unlikely to stay at £50.

The book starts with a quiz about driving knowledge and attitudes. On seat belts the reader is invited to choose from three propositions: that belts are dangerous; that they should be compulsory; and that they should be worn only if people want to. The "correct" answer is the last, despite the fact that compulsion is AA policy. A curious point.

The 1980 edition of the motoring annual, Automobile Year, edited by Douglas Armstrong, coordines a tradition of lavish production with more colour pages than before, as well as 300 photographs in black and white. There are features on motor industry trends in the United States, Europe and Japan; the impact of electronics; and, as a more unusual item, cars that have been given the

Salvador Dali treatment. But the book will probably be bought, and kept, for its coverage of motor sport, particularly the colour pictures which are of high quality. Produced in Lausanne and published in five languages, Auto-mobile Year is distributed in Britain by Patrick Stephens of Cambridge and costs £17.50. If that seems expensive, early copies—the annual started in 1953—are fetching as much as £1,000.

Another evergreen, now in its twenty-third edition, is that indispensable aid for young car spotters. The Observer's Book of Automobiles (Warne, £150). Compiled by John Blunsden (a regular contributor to this newspaper), the contributor to this newspaper), the book gives pictures and potted data on some 170 car models and is commendably up-to-date.

A companion volume, The Observer's Book of Motorcycles, by Robert M. Croucher, is a relative youngster, achieving only its third edition. Before launching into details of the machines, the author devotes a long introduction to motor cycle safety and training, thus reflecting concern about the high level of casualties. A useful feature not found in the car book is a short history of each manufacturer.

Geneva novelties

Among the new vehicles on dis-play at the Geneva Motor Show, which opened yesterday, is a four-door luxury version of the Range Rover. It is a conversion of the standard model carried out in Swit-serland by the coachbuilding firm cerland by the coachbuilding firm Peter Monteverdi, and it will be sold in Europe, the Middle East and Britain. Air conditioning is standard and the price is 58,000 Swiss francs

(about £15,000) Another Geneva debutant is the Audi Quattro, a four-seater sports coupe which is both turbocharged and has four-wheel drive. The engine is the 2.2 litre five-cylinder, boosted by turbo to 200 bhp and giving 0 to 60 mph acceleration m seven seconds with a top speed of 140 mph. The four-wheel drive transmission is said to give excel-

lent handling and roadholding, as well as saving fuel and tyre wear. Though production plans for the Quattro have not been disclosed, it will be made "in quantity" and evertually sold in Britain. As well as being a road car, it will lead Audi's challenge in the World Raity Championship.

Peugeot is snowing the new estate derivative of its 305 medium saloon. The rear suspension has been cleverly designed so that the springs and shock absorbers do not intrude into the luggage area. Also, the rear seats fold down individually. There are petrol and diesel versions of the car, which will be launched in Britain in October.

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By suffered a further block with the news that their detender with to play.

Bica, who led Arsenal to their fifth FA Cup triumph last year, will be a spectator tomorrow when manth with Ipswich of Goddson will be a spectator tomorrow when the club attempt to take another park.

Wright damaged a knee playing cessive Wembley sopearance in the competition. Rice, who has midweek against Scotland and yes terday the four was hall? yealen; this season, is still troubled by an wright is hathe gintensing near ankle injury he received against

to wait until the last possible minute before deciding whether Roddle will face Liverpool at White Hart Lane in the remaining

cup game.
The midfield player has been unable to train because of a hamstring strain. Marinho moves: The Fort Lauderdale Strikers have bought the versitile Brazilian star Francisco Marinho, of New York Cos-mon in a straight cash deal. The Strikers said that Marinho, at the age of 28, should be at the peak of his professional playing career. He can play in defence, midfield or on the wing.

Clough's words are the Wales pick | Lions selectors may sound of injured pride

gnaving temptation to say that the holders and lost their trophy even before the second leg be-gins on March 19.

The challenge is imposing but The challenge is imposing but in order to reach last season's final Forest had to visit West Germany after being held to a 3-3 draw by a Cologne team who seemed to have their measure. They won 1-0. Forest also had to defend what looked to be a fragile 2-0 lead at Liverpool in the first round and armound as the first round and managed a determined goalless draw. They were then said to be better on alien soil that at the City Ground. Whether that remains so is questionable. The discouraging style of their narrowners on Wednerden

their performance on Wednesday suggested that Brian Clough's boast—"we will win it in East Germany"—was the sound of mbosst—"we will win it in East Germany "—was the sound of inhared pride.

Unlike the leading West German
idea, Dynamo Berlin appear to
be a product of some Eastern
standard textbook. While admitting the dangers of judging any
visiting continental team on the
basis of an away first leg, one
felt they were functional, albeit
on a high scale, rather than
original. In Riediger they do
have a notably skilful and powerful forward, and the passes of
Stresser and Terletzki, which led
to his goal, warned of brighter
things to come in Berlin.

A comment from Mr Clough to
the effect that the loss of Burm,
who will be suspended from the
away leg because he had his name
taken for a second time in Europa
this season, was serious because
he offered some inspiration could
be taken as a criticism of those
olayers who were expected to
break the solid Dynamo defence.

On the night Prancis and Birtles
were less effective than the pre-On the night Francis and Birtles were less effective than the pre-rious partnership of Birtles and

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent
After Nottingham Forest's 1—6
defeat by Dynamo Bertin in the
quarter-final round of the European Cup on Wednesday, those
with memories of last season's
semi-final round were less than
derisive although there was a
gnawing temptation to say that
the departed Woodcock, but it
would be inequitable to criticine
the tactical plans after regularly
advocating the removal of Francis
from midfield to attack. Francis
there was not involved with luck in the
penalty area and neither did be
receive sufficient service from
Boyles, who was disappointing. If
there was a tactical error it was
gnawing temptation to say that
to replace Boyles with Bowyer. replace Bowles with Bowyer.

The absence of Anderson at right back may have been another contributing factor to Forest's unhappy evening. His speed could have helped, for it was something have heiped, for it was sometiming that was missing even when Francis was in possession. Persistence is not a complete substitute for variation when a visiting defence determines to block the penalty area. The story is as old as European competition and European champions are expected to have the answers. the answers.

While the Befa Cup, which is often the best indication of national strength, could see all four semi-finalists coming from

national strength, could see all four semi-finalists coming from West Germany, the Enropean Cup brought dissatisfaction for Kevin Keegan and his colleagues at Hamburg. Their struggle to beat Hajduk Split, of Yugoslavia, by 1—0 led to their being jeered from the pitch. St. Etienne, of France, were even less well received after losing 4—1 at home in the Uefa Cup to the holders, Borussia Mönchen Glabach. They had lost only one previous home European tie in 55 matches.

Arsenal are in a promising position to reach two cup finals. Their 5—1 defeat of Göteborg in the Cup Winners' Cup at Highbury left the manager, Terry Neill, to encourage the dispirited Sweden with such remarks as "It's not over yet". In fact, Arsenal finished the game with more concern about tomorrow's FA Cup sixth round the spainst Watford because there players, Brady, Sunderland and Stapleton all left the field with what proved to be slight injuries. Vesterday the club reported that all three should be fir to play at Watford where a crowd of 28,000 will contribute record receipts.

Wednesday's football and rugby results

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overcome by the heat of the Park-

Spanish hearts will not die a second time

When Celtic fly is Badrid in less than a formight's time it must be hoped that the applause and praises of 65.080 deliriously joy-rial supporters is still ringing in their ears after their European Cup quarter-final on Wedtesday evening. Her when they sten out into ing. For when they sep out into the magnificent Bernfeu Stadium in Mairid the bod will most surely be on the other foot.

cettic then will have to face the force of some III,000 like minus conceverated on the removal of this strong yet not impregnable lead. The strantism is delicately believed farting conceded nothing believed from the strantism is delicately from the strantism in the second half, there was nothing. Little hold in the strantism of microstopic and the second half, there was nothing. It is the face of a slightly fortuitous goal in the want of the same of the strantism of the strantism of the same of the

By Rex Bellamy
Sourch Rackets Correspondent
Letting Hum, Qamar Zaman
and Hidayat Jahan, seeded first,
cound and fourth for the British
open squash rackets chambonship
correded a game apiece in their
first round matches at Wembley
on Wednesday. Their sourcements
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well also adjusting their games
to different playing conditions.
Even so, Hunt and Jahan played
some supprisingly slopey squash
acting opponents they should
have outrlassed.
Soundard by Aris, the cur
remal company, the champions
ship has a record prize hand of
£20,000 and for the first four
day is being connested at the
Wembley Source Course, it will
then be moved to the adjacent
Wembley Conference Centre, where
a Pastory court has been excide
no in platform, an exercise that
presented the goods lift with a
formidable challenge in the shape.
of 12 steel girders.
Hunt played Abbas Raque, of
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had a mind to.
Another Egyptian, My Aziz,
slipped and fell four times while
playing the British amateur champion, Jonatham Leslie, Three of
those falls occurred because of the
swift starts demanded by Leslie's
angles in the second game, in
which Leslie played well.

Seeds give a little ground

before taking control

Squash rackets

climb. Just before the kick-off it might be more beneficial for Celtic to fill the heads of their players with a recording of the Parkhead roar pa. Wednesday night than any

They must remember the magi-They must remember the magical moments of the last 45 minutes rather than the willy-nilly efforts of the first; Real will attempt to do the opposite. Real honoured us in the first half with the sort of riches that the superior Real adea of the late 50s possessed. There was instant courrol by chest, thigh and foot; there was an attacking purpose; there was

But the championship coincides with Leslie's first week in an exciting new job and he clearly lacked the motivation to make the

michty effort that was necessary.
And played admirably positive and
tidy squash in the three games

by won. The British partional champion. Gawain Briars, produced a timely-stream of winners to extricate himself from an ominous situation

Motor rallying

Football

Rugby Union

head furnace on this otherwise chilly night. Perhaps the nagging, snapping Scottish terriers finally wearled them. In the first half they were nonchalant of such challenges, the men ansoccessfully phying a serious game of football in a dog pound, Augal, Del Bosque, Juanito and Cunningham, to name but four, threaded together moves of pure silk. I cannot believe their hearts will fade in the pumping, pulsating atmosphere of Bernabeu Stadium. Celtic's second-half ouslaught

was reminiscent of that unforget-table performance in Lisbon in 1967 when they hatered down the defensive wall of Internationals defensive wall of Internazionals to become the first Bridsh club to succeed in the premier competition. The fact that their fellow Britons, Nottingham Forest, now seem to have fallen by the way-side, leaving Celtic to carry the flag, will not cause the Scott under distress. It's quite like the old days.

1 Horse shows

Osiris a classical winner

training weekend

By Sydney Friskin

The final stages of the national indoor championship, starting at the quarter-final round, are to be played at Crysmi Palace this evening. But at least five familiar faces will not be there—Taylor and Khehar from Slough, Leman (Tulse Hill), Thomson (Hourslow) and Western (Old Ringstonlans).

The final stages of the national by Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Princees Anne presented the in the Ribero borse, R fow and Graham Lloyd's and Graham Lloyd's and Graham Lloyd's vesterday to "Tub" Ivens for the King's Cup by class 3, covering Wale has classically conformed Osiris, by Crepello out of Magic Flute By Pamela Macgregor-Morris
Priocess Ame presented the
King George V Cup at the
Thoroughbred Stallion Show,
organized by the Hunters' Improvement Society at Neumarket
yesterday to "Tub" Ivens for
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hy Crepello out of Magic Flute
by Tudor Melody. Bred by Lord
Howard de Walden, he wou over
nine furlouss at Newcastle as a
three-year-old, was sold to his
owner a year later, and was fourth
for the Macdouald-Buchanan Cup
last year, since when he has
served around 90 mares at Immy
Tamplin's sind near Minehead,
where he returns this season.

Mrs Hugh Gingell, Master of Mrs Hugh Gingell, Master of the Cambridgeshire Barriers, only the Cambridgesture Harriers, only the second woman ever to be invited to adjudicate here and Thaddens Ryan, Master of the Scarteen Hounds in county Limerick were the judges on a cold, wet day. Trens had his first victory in class A, for newcomera to the Premium scene, winning the Shaddonald-Buchanan Cup for the serood time in five years with the

as me rremain scene, winning the Macdonald-Buchanan Cup for the serond time in five years with the four-year-old Lord of Arabia, who was good enough to win a district

class later.

Graham Heal's North Deron stud won district class I, which covers the Scottish Rorders as far down as Yorkshire, with

Hubble Bubble. The ubiquituus Massareila family had a winner in the Ribero horse, Rapid Pass, to whom Erening All was second, and Graham Lloyd's Current Magic started well on his defence of the King's Cup by winning class 3, covering Wales and the Marches, from a field with the best rating record. bast rating record.

Jimny Snell from Cornwall, won the Cutswold class without much difficulty with Super Gree and his Saunter by Charlottesville, who won the King's Cup in 1978, was a good second to the champion in the Western Countles class and wound up reserve for the championship.

pionship.

Good limbs, with forelegs well over the knee, cluratterized the top horses. Mr Ryan considers the standard to be improved and that classes had less tail than before. "We still need more bone, but not at the expense of quality and movement, as we saw in one or two horses today," he said.

Max Abram's Yorkshire stud swept the board in the Henry Tudor Fertility Cup, which they won with Ascertain, who covered 146 mares for a percentage of RO.71 king oborder V Cup: 1. L.S.

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Festival dates The annual international bocker festival on the Isle of Alan is expected to attract 140 teams from 90 clubs this year. It will be held at Whitaun from May 24 to 22.

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Morgan for first full cap

By Peter West Rugby Correspondent

Rugby Union

Peter Morgan, the versatile young Lianelli back, who played as a replacement in the centre sgainst Scotland in Cardiff last weekend, will win his first full cap as a stand-off half when Wales meet Ireland at Lansdowne Road in the last interpretational of the in the last international of the season torourtow week. The Welsh XV will be those who finished the game against Scotland, which was won by 17 points to zine, and the Cardiff full back. Curis Webber, has been recalled as a reserve.

When in that match Gareth Davies imped off with a torn hamstring. Richards moved up from centre to partner Holmes and played with such elan that the selectors wight have been tempted to maintain the stams quo. However, they felt that his clusive and penetrating running, which has given Welsh midfield play a new dimension, and which lifted affairs to an altogether higher plane when he shimmled off his left foot for a brilliant try in the Scottish game, may be given freer rein in the middle.

middle.

Morgan was at full back for a Welsh XV against Romania in October, but has played most of his senior rugby as a stand-off, He remained qualified to play for Wales B in France last actumn but was ruled out by a back intury that almost certainly cost him a senior cap, at full back, at the outset of the championship. Blyth was then recalled, for another cap, as successor to J. P. R. Williams and, although making a slip or two along the way, has so far come through three championship games with credit.

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A Welsh victory over Ireland would bring them a share of the championship only is Scotland beat England at Murrayfield on the same day. Provided filey remain muscathed in Dublin, Wales will complete the 1980 championship using only 17 players, which is one fewer than the mial so far appearing in an English jersey. As with England, the changes have been obligatory.

Quinnell finds himself cast yet again as a Welsh reserve, which may not enhance his chances of being chosen for a third Lions tour. When he was selected to lead the Welsh side against Romania, he was seen as heir apparent to I. P. R. Williams as captain. But he had to miss some club games in the run-up to the championship, Butler was brought is for a first cap, against France, and the young Pontypool No 8 has retained the confidence of his selectors throughout the series.

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(Bridgend). W. Jameh (Abtraton).
D. L. Quanell (Linelli). seek beef at centre By Peter West

Rugby Correspondent Rugby Correspondent
The British Lions in South
Africa this summer, as was suggested in these columns earlier
this week, ought at least to have
a powerful hand among the front
five of their scrummage. They
may also be expected to have a
strong representation at half back,
and these factors combined should
provide them with an essential provide them with an essential

basis for success.

There is an added bonus for the There is an added bonus for the pour selectors at half back in that they are able to write down one national pairing, that of Terry Holmes and Gareth Davies (Wales), as their first choice and add to it another, the Irish partnership of Colin Patterson and "Ollie" Campbell, It is a confort to think of two players of such exciting quality as Holmes and Patterson competing for the scrum half position in the internationals, but sad to consider that it will be difficult to find a place for a stand-off as gifted as Tony ward, of Ireland, who a year ago was voted by the media as the player of the season. Campbell took over from Ward on the Irish tour of Australia and, after being injured this season, Ward over injured this season, Ward even-rually was nominated as a travel-ling reserve for the championship.

ling reserve for the championship.

I wonder what would happen if Campbell were to experience a poor game in Dublin tomorrow week and Peter Morgan to have an inspired one at stand-off for Wales. Morgan is one of those exceptionally versatile players who must be assured of selection and who is capable of adorning a variety of positions, it remains likely, at the moment anyway, that the Lions' hierarchy are thinking of him primarily as a tentre.

For that position the name of

For that position the name of David Richards of Wales, surely goes into the list as No 1. It will be a plus for selectors on tour that he can play stand-off to the manner born as well. The Scot, Jim Renwick, did his cause no harm at all in Cardiff last Saturday, Nor, for that matter, did his partner, David Johnston, When I wrote the other day of John Beatite being the big Scottish discovery at No 8, I should have added that Johnston also had been an excluding arrival among their backs. their backs.

their backs.

However, a midfield of Richards, Renwick and, say, Morgan, though sharp is pace and linesse, would lack physical presence and, on an assumption that some beefy specimens will be in opposition, the selectors might want to add some beef themselves. This would enhance the chances of men such as Ray Gravell, a Welsh reserve this acason, and Paul Dodge, of England. Dodge is playing well, and he is more experienced than Clive Woodward, whose fast and penerative running none the less penetrative running none the less might be well suited to the conditions. However, it looks as if both English centres may be unlucky. Speculation about the selection at centre makes allowance for the fact that Steve Feowick (Wales) has declared himself as being almost certainly unavailable. The position on the wings looks wider open still, although Mike Slemen (England) certainly should get one of the four places. The penetrative running none the less

Irishman, "Freddie" McLennan must be a contender for the left flank as well. On the other side of the field one takes the leading claimants to be Higan Rees (Wales), John Carleton and the as

yet uncapped Tony Swift (both of England). There can be no reservations about the speed of Rees, but his hands are suspect and he does not always take his chances. Carleton's pace and strength should go well on the firm going-he can play on the left as well-but is his defence watertight? In this respect, indeed, would any of the candidates

mentioned do a better job than Peter Squires, a proven performer unlocky to lose his England position this season. Squires in attack has always had the capacity to make something out of very little, which makes me believe that Swift, who has been conjuring some remarkable scor

conjuring some remarkable score for Swansea, might find himself airborne in early May.

There is no denying that the presence of Davies and Campbell, as well as that of Scotland's Andy Irvine, would provide the Lions with a formidable trio of 2001 kickers. On the last tour to South Africa, when J. P. R. Williams was an automatic choice for the big games at full back, Irvine played in two of them on the wing, and it might be that he will find himself filling the same role again in a position which provides adein a position which provides ade-quate rein for his most exciting and positive skills.

The selectors must be anxious to have at least one full back exuding an aura of total security exiding an aura of total security and, provided they are satisfied about his finess, they ought to take the Englishman, Alastair Hignell, who has just endured another frustraing season with injuries. Another of the same stamp is Bruce Hay, who has been playing on the wing for Scotland. A plus in Hignell's favour is that he can play at scrum half if the need should arise.

Park at strength

Rosslyn Park will be at strength for their John Player Cup the at Gloucester tomorrow, with six regulars returning. The Park, twice runners-up for the trophy, make changes in all departments following last Saturday's 22—9 defeat by London Irish, another of the London sides left in the competition. At full back. Bate has recovered from a knee injury and other changes behind the scrum bring back the halves, Warfield and Cultan. Thornton returns at prop. Rogers's back trouble has cleared up and he resumes at lock and the No. 3, Ripley, displaces Montgomery. Ripley, displaces Monigomery.

Told to stay away Oldham Rugby League Club suppended Chris O'Brien for Air months yesterday for Fat furning up at a reserve game last Sturda. The han total, which prevent O'Brien from training at the club.

Kent celebrate for all but four minutes

remained until nair ome, by when Middlesex had heen forced into replacing their booker. Boddy, who injured a leg.

it and Midulesex was played 100 years ago at Blackbeath and Kent won, Kent did it again in the centenary match on the same ground yesterday, by three penalty goals, a dropped goal and a try to a goal and a penalty goal.

to a goal and a penalty goal.

Rent, who are in their own centenary season, were behind for only four minutes. On a muddy pitch that made handling uncertain, they gave as good as they got, although it looked early on as if they might have to exist on a minimal supply of the bell. This improved, however, and with the spirit of their torwards, the lengthy kicking of Norton from stand-off half and the balanced running of Bodenham and Cooke in the centre, Kent had many reasons to be pleased with themselves besides the obvious one.

Charles Raiston any Middlesex

Charles Raiston gave Middlesex the lead with a penalty after ten

who injured a leg.

No sooner had the second half begun than Bodenkam dropped a goal for Kent. Middlesex beeled but the serummage suivelled and the ball popped out on the Kent side to give Bodenham his glimpse of the posts—a glimpse was enough. Middlesex levelled the scores when McGregor charged over from a tapped penalty move and Charles Raistog converted.

The pot was coming to the boil.

and Charles Raiston converted.

The pot was coming to the boil, as it needed to after a forgetiable tirst half. Williamson kicked his second penalty, with great care, and almost from the restart he scored Kenr's try, which brought Men of Kent and Kennish Men to their feet. Bodenham broke out of defence deep inside his own half. Purchase carried on the movement, and his pass gave Williamson just enough space near

Kent 16 Middletex 9

3-3 with a punalty four minutes Middlesex 12 to the corner.

The first rugby match between Kent in front, and there they they first rugby match between Kent and Middlesex was played remained until half time, by when and Bryan kicked nearly as well as Norton from the band. The visi-tors had their chances in the list quarter, including a penalty that Charles Raiston missed, but Kett Charles Raison missed but Kerisput the har up on them. Now the second hundred years can begin tended in the har up on them. Now the second hundred years can begin tended in the house of the hard of the house of th

Tennis

Cox is named **Davis Cup** team trainer

Mark Cox is to be the new British Daris Cup team trainer, Paul Hunchins, the Daric Cup captain, said yesterday. "It is very important that I work with someone whom I know well and respect. Alark will contribute a great deal in assisting our players prior to, and during, our Davis Cup matches, as well as being available at various times during the year to train and play with current and potential Davis Cup players." The post of Davis Cup trainer

The post of Davis Cup trainer became racant last year, when Roger Becker retired from his Davis Cup duties. Cox, currently ranked second in Britain, has played an important part in Britain's successful Davis Cup team during the past two years and helped them reach the final in 1976. in 1978. He said: "I feel it is the appro-

He said: "I feel it is the appro-priate time to retire from Davis Cup play. I think that age is tak-ing a much greater tell, but I am delighted to continue my involve-ment by accepting the invitation to become the new British Davis Cup team trains."

to become the new British Davis Cun team trainer."

Cox, aged 36, based in Surrey but a Leicestershire player, has appeared in 16 Davis Cop ties for his country, involving a total of 34 rubbers. Out of 20 singles matches played since 1967 he has won 14 and, as one of Britains doubles specialists, he has won eight out of 14, most of them with his current partner, David Lloyd.

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will take on Czechoslovada in the semi-finals.

Noah's withdrawal, due to an abile initury, leaves the French with a line-up still well above the Scandinsvians in class. Portes. the Scandinavians in class. Portes. Moretton. Hailet and Bedel are on the middle-rung of the world rankings. but Finland's top player. Palin, is only one bundred and thirtyeth. Despite the gap in class Finland cannot be taken this after disposing of Egypt and Poland earlier in the competition, and it could be significant that their previous victims were also without their leading players. El Shafei and Fibal.

If Romania beat Austria in the If Romania beat Austria in this weekend's European zone A ouarter-final. Britain will meet them in the semi-final at Eristol

year. In Toulouse, France meet Fin-

land in a European tone B quar-ter-final round match confident of going through to the next round despite the absence of their No 1. Yannick Noah. The French

scored a narrow win over the Soviet Union last month to qualify for the de with the Finns, who went through at the expense of Egypt and Poland. The winners will take om Czechoslovakia in the cami finale

New Zealand Gerulaitis and put their Connors faith in Lewis

bring US win
Copenhagen, March 7.—Himmy
Connors, playing his first cum-Brisbane, March 7.—Australia's No 1. John Alexander, will play his New Zealand opposite number. Chris Lewis, in the opening march of the Davis Cup eastern zone final here tomorrow Australia will field a two-man team of Alexander and Phil Dent and New Zealand will use Lewis and the experienced Onny Parun in the singles and Lewis and Russell Simpson in the doubles.

New Zealand are given little chaoce of winning the doubles against the Australian pair. In six cup ties New Zealand have never won a doubles march against Australia. However, the presence of Lewis, aged 22. one of the best players produced by New Zealand, makes this a much stronger side than for some years. Lewis last played in the Davis Cup against Australia in 1978 and his opponent was Alexander, marathon 71-game march Alexseven years his senior: In a ander won 8—10, 16—14, 6—1, 9—7. Teodon frouble kept Lewis out of action for much of last year.

In Toulouse, France meet Finpetitive duables match for five years, and Vitas Gerulaitis beau Bjorn Borg and Adriano Panarta in the decisive Copenhagen: Dup match here last night. Only Borg treated the match seriously but he could do hitle to make up for the lapses of his partner. Panatta dropped three of his four service games to cave the Americans' path to a 6-2. 6-4 victory that settled, the match.

The two sides have been level at 2-2 after the singles, Connors bearing Fanatta 6-4. 6-1. and born defeating Gerulaitis 7-2. 6-4 yesterday. Connors had the only service break in the fifth game of the first set to win 5-4 but Panatra allowed himself to be but Panatta allowed himself to be distracted by a running argument with the umpire over line calls and won his only service game in the second set when Condors has already 4—0 up.

Borg, never beaten by Gefulaitis, had to raise his game after losing to Connors on the first day, and despite upon the first day, and despite upon the first day.

and despite one or two lap-es was always too good for the American. who played more comincingly than in his defeat by Panatra.

It was Borg's seventeenth suc-cessive win over Gerulathy and the match was of a higher quality than the Connors v Pararta, Borg held his opening service and then broke Gerulaitis's to lead 2-0 in the first set; but the American struck back to take the Swede's service. After that each man held his own service until they reached 6-5, when Gerulaitis dropped his service again for Borg to take the set-

start in the second set, going 2-0 ahead, but Gerulaids came back to vin Borg's service after a tremendous game. At 4-4 Borg managed to hold his service de spite several double faults and in the next game the American drapined his service to lote the set faults. ped his servic to lose the set 6-4 and the match.

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Hockey Championship bows to

low) and Western (Old Ringstonians).

These players have been summoned to an extra training weekend arranged for the Great Britaria outdoor team at Madeley College, Staffordshire, starting today and ending on Sunday afternoon. They have been todd by the British team manager that if they do not report at Madeley College this evening they will be out of the side.

It seems a little unfair that an extra training weekend should unbalance four teams in a national event, particularly Slough, the champlons, who will have to face last year's runners-up, Beckenham, without Khehar, one of their best players, and Taylor the number one goalkeeper. But the British team manager has demanded total commitment and everything has to give way to that.

Middlesex, who are to play Buckinghamshire in the county championship final (outdoor) on March 22 at Lord's are similarly situated. Five of their players, Bathelor, Green, McGinn, Thomson and Wallace, have been picked for the England party of 16 from which a team will be chosen to play Irekand earlier at Lord's on the same day. There is to be a second match against Ireland on the Astronorf pitch at Crystal Palace on the following day.

The overall effect of the two international marches is that the Middlesex players will not be released for the county final. The Alddlesex president, David Archer, while appreciating that England's cause should come first, has asked the Hockey Association for the county final to be postponed and their reply is awalted.

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England must use initiative

By Joyce Whitehead

Valerie Robinson, of Bicyleswade, will be making her 122nd
appearance for England comortovin the match against Scotland at
Wembley. This will be the seventiencounter there between England
and Scotland. England have won
fire times, scoring 25 goals, and
Scotland once, scoring nine. On
the last occasion in 1576, England
won 3-0. won 3-0.
The Wembley turf will be bear; The Wembley turf will be beary following the recent rain and the ball will need hitting bard. England's right wing pair, their new captain Margaret Souvace and Mrs Robinson, work splendidly together but the Scots will do their atmost to prevent their setting it. In doing this they could leave other forwards with room to nanoeuva or else deplete their own from line. It will be up to England's forwards to use their initiative.

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Boxing

Ali tempted back by record \$14m contract

Henry Cooper, the former British heavyweight champion, yesterday condemned Muhammad etirement and box John Tate, the WBA champion. All signed for the ontest in Chicago on Wednesday for a purse of £5 million. The date has not yet been arranged. Cooper, who was at Heathrow

Airport before flying to New York, said: "Ali is a very silly man. He is nearly 40 and has been out of the game for over a year. He is well out of condition and He is well out of condition and must weigh 18 or 19 stone". He added: "Tate is a very useful fighter and it is only a matter of time before someone puts Ali down. That will shatter the Ali legend", Cooper was on his way to the United States for 12 days of business and pleasure. Bob Arum, President of Top Rank, said the purse would be a record sum and that the bout would be held in late June. Some reports say that the match would be held in Taiwan, New Orleans or Houston.

Neither Mr Arum nor Ali's manager, Jabir Muhammad, would confirm reports that the boxers would split \$14 million. "All I

would split \$14 million. "All I will say is that the compensation to both fighters is a world record for any boxing match in history", Mr Arum said. Jabir Muhammad would only remark: "I did it again".

All said a 15-round workout on Tuesday with Eddie Gregory, a light-heavyweight, was his first full-scale training in about 18 months and "we had a pretty good go together." He said that apart from being a little sore, he was pleased with how well he felt. A spokesman for the New Orleans Superdome said he had been contacted about the possibeen contacted about the possi-bility of a bout thera. Greg Camp-bell, a boxing promoter and agent



An overweight Ali takes a break during training.

to put together an Ali-Tate match, has been advocating Taiwan for some time as the site, and has some time as the site, and has said he had a group there who would provide the financial backing for the bout.

Officials of the WBA have been queted as saying that Ali would have to have a warm-up match before they would approve a bout with Tate for the championship. Mr Arum scoffed at the idea of a true-up hout.

tune-up bout, Mike Weaver, of course, could make the whole matter academic by beating Tate in Knoxville. Tenessee, on March 31.—Agencies,

Bahamas Bound: John Conteh, who challenges Matthew Saad Muhammad, of United States for the world light-heavyweight title in Affantic City on March 29, is to round off his maining in the Bahamas. He leaves tomorrow with his trainer, George Francis, and two sparring partners, Roy Gumbs, the Southern Area middle-weight champion, and Cariton Benoft, a heavyweight.

Conteh will be staying at the Britannia Beach Hotel on Paradise Island, Nassau. The Bahamas Tourist Office have arranged for a gymnasium and full size ring to be put at Conteh's disposal.

attitude in the series, which, it said, could lead only to "the ruin of cricket". WICUA praised the New Zeuland umpires for their firm, efficient and steadfast hand-

ling of the series and called on them to continue to maintain dis-cipline and decorum.

The West Indies party left New Zealand this morning, having lost a lot of good will and having been accused of being the worst behaved and most unpopular team to tour the country. This was a Test may have

Auckiand, March 6.—The New Zealand Cricket Council have asked the West Indies Cricket Board to take action against players involved in two controversial incidents during the tour just ended. These were a threatened walkout by the West Indians during the second Test at Christchurch and the barging of the umpire, Fred Goodall, by Colin Croft in the same march.

Bob Vance, chairman of the New Zealand council, said today: "We have recommended that the West Indies board take action against the players concerned in both instances. We are considering raising the matter at the International Cricket Conference with the strong recommendation that there be some international agreement in macters such as outrol of behaviour and disciplinary action in areas such as physical interference with umpires and disruption of tour contractual arrangements."

The West Indians, beaten 1—0 in the three-march series, were disgramised about the standard of umpiring from the start of the tour and this led to the threat to abandon it; but the West Indies Cricket Umpires Association has supported the New Zealand umpires over their handling of the Testa.

In a statement issued in Port of Spain the association said it deplored the West Indian team's

Cricket

Cheatle moves to Surrey from Sussex

jeopardy, according to some mem-bers of the New Zealand Cricket Council.—Agencies.

The Sussex laft.arm spin bowler, Giles Cheatle, aged 25, is to join Surrey next season. The Sussex manager, Tony Buss, said yesterday that the club had offered Cheatle a contract, but were unzible to guarantee him a regular place in the first XI.

Sussex have two other left-arm spinners on the staff, Chris Waller, a former Surrey player, and Alan Willows. Cheatle made his lirst appearance for Sussex in

first appearance for Sussex in 1974. Last season he played in only six championship matches, taking 20 wickets with an average of 20.25.

of 20.25.

Greatest loss: Northamptonshire made a loss of £13,311 in 1979, the highest in the club's 101-year history. The 11 home country championship matches brought in gate receipts of only £3,848, while the club's eight John Player League matches at home provided another £8,018 at the gate. Members' subscriptions produced £27,911 while the Supporters Association contributed £20,327. Players' wages have risen from ers' wages have risen from £45,000 in 1977 to £81,830 last

Changes are rejected by TCCB meeting

complete reversal of the heroes' welcome they received on their arrival after a triumphant tour of Australia, where they convincingly won the triangular one-day World Series Cup and trounced the home side 2—0 in the three Test series.

Boxedom and fatigue plagued the West Indian players in New Zealand. The manager, Willy Rodriguez, admitted on arrival that "the ream is physically and mentally tired". During the tour he said: "We cannot wait to fly out and wipe the dust of this country from our feet."

New Zealanders were critical of the apparent lack of control by Mr Rodriguez and the captain, Clive Lloyd, over their players. Apart from the threat of a walkout and the incident involving By Richard Streeton

The English counties yesterday unexpectedly rejected changes proposed for the county championship next summer and the competition will be played under the same regulations as in recent years. The decision by delegates at the spring meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board spurned proposals put forward by their own cricket sub-committee under the chalmanship of Peter May. the charmanship of Peter May.
The sub-committee, which has
11 former Test players among its
18 members, had proposed the
abolition of the 100 overs limitation on first innings; full coverout and the incident involving Croft, there was no censure of Michael Holding for kicking over the stumps in the first Test at Dunadhi. aboution or the two overs, and as increase of points for a win from 12 to 16. The idea was to encourage the development of young battanen and to provide an incentive for a more positive approach by captains.

The changes had been put forward as a package and stood or fell by their overall acceptance, partial agreement was ruled out by the meeting. It was the 100 overs limitation, in the main, that led to the proposals being narrowly turned down by the meeting, attended by the 17 counties and two representatives each from the minor counties and MCC. The sub-committee, who originally suggested changes last year, will now study the problem a third time and report back to the board. Peter Lush, the board's spokesman, was reluctant to disclose the arguments for and against the proposals. and Worcestershire opening bats-man who was a television com-mentator for the series, said today: "I can understand the West Indies not being happy with the umpiring standard, but their treatment and lack of recognition of the New Zealand players was Mr Rodriguez, who refused to talk to reporters at the end-of-tour press conference yesterday, was later interviewed on television for a fee of about £200 and again blamed West Indies' poor performance on the ampiring. Deryck Murray, the West Indies wicket-keeper who was also interviewed, said: "You (in New Zealand) wait until New Zealand tour West Indies in 1982. We will get our own back with our umpires." After this controversial tour, New Zealand's visit is now in jeopardy, according to some mem-Mr Rodriguez, who refused to

arguments for and against the process.

The meeting did, however, avoid the temptation to take one step forward and two back in the matter of overseas players in Euglish cricket. A move to rescind last year's decision that by 1982 each county would be limited to one player ineligible for England was rejected; but there was agreement on greater flexibility for English players not required by their counties to move to another—subject in certain cases to the board's approval.

their counties to move to another—subject in certain cases to the board's approval.

On Test manch over-rates, the board's approval.

On Test manch over-rates, the board hope that the International Cricket Conference will agree to their proposal in July that these need improving, and they are to suggest to the ICC that a fine of 150 per player, or its equivalent, should be levied on teams failing to reach 16.25 overs an bour. England's Test match over-rate has already improved since the introduction two years ago of a fines and incentive scheme. West ladies next summer are to be saked to agree to the board's proposal for their tour.

Otherwise yesterday's meeting thereof in its customary way with the regulations for 1930. The experimental rule limiting short pitched balls to one an over it to be continued in English domestic cricket and again the touring West Indians will be asked to play under his aplication. Hours of play are to be attended on the possible to try to ensure that no under his aplication. Hours of play are to be ataudardized wherever possible to try to ensure that no session of play exceeds two hours. Winning points in the Benson and Hedges Cup's preliminary groups are to be reduced from three to two with one point each from a "no result" match. It was realitimed that no declarations nor undersum bowling should be allowed in one-day competitions.

Golf

Townsend finds new course like old friend

From Peter Ryde Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast March 6

Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast
March 6
Peter Townsend scored a firstround 62 here today which left
the rest of the field of 27 struggling in the President's four-round
tournament over the 6,710-yard
course with its par of 72. He
reached the turn in 33 and came
home in 29, scoring birdies at the
last three holes. He dropped only
one stroke to par after a bad drive
to the ninth, but made up for it
with an eagle at the tenth which
is slightly downfull. With a slight
breeze helping the ball and fanning the spectators he reached
the green there with a four-iron
second and holed from 15 feet.
Only one hole, the fifth, was out
of reach in two.
Townsend used only 25 putts,
one of which was really long, but
the key to his round was the
number of good iron shots he hit.
He was down in two at the 17th,
and that two was sandwiched between birdie putts of 15 and 12
feet at the 16th and 18th.
The score should not be taken
as an insult to the course. The
fairways are young and give
plenty of gun on a course which
is in any case not long. At present
the greens, sown with Tifton

plenty of gun on a course which is in any case not long. At present the greens, sown with Tifton grass, are easy to put such grain as there is being, in Townsend's opinion, easy to read. He should know for it is the second low round he has scored. He mopped up in the pro-am yesterday, winning the professional prize with 66 and leading his team to victory. His female partner was Jacqueline Auriol, daughter-in-law of the former French president who, by virtue of her skill as a test pilot, used to be called the fastest woman in the world.

Gary Player also found the inward half to his fixing, scoring

live birdies for a total of 66. In or his partners was Benjamin Zhin of the Cameroons, who did not score so well. He started by his ling three balls out of bounds at he first for an 11 and proceeded to the turn in 53. He finished strongly, completing in 94, after which he accepted an invitation from Player to have a lesson.

Player is undaunted, as everyone else seems to he, by a telegram from the United Nationa, urging his withdrawal from the ournament. It came from the same source as the telegram that dused the removal of Bainochi and Hayes from the World Cup il Athens, but received a rather different reception. Athens, but received a rather different reception. When the course here becomes more matter the fairways will play longer. The course is in a saleer surrounded by a country-side which seems not quite to have made up its mind whether it belongs to the forest belt that strictness inland from the coast or to the more open strubland of the to the more open scrubland of the

to the more open strubland of the savinah which is the feature in the north.

One has the Heeting impression that one is on the outsirts of the New Forest, with a soil imported from the reddest part of Devos. But the heat soon dispels that the heat soon dispels that idea Yesterday a breeze and the lightest of showers helped to keep the temperature below the nineties. Heat does not worry Town. lightest of showers helped to keep the temperature below the nine-ties. Heat does not worry Townsend; he revels in it and his skia is de-ply bronzed. He reckous his 61 in the Swiss Open in 1971 to have been the greater achievement. But he recognizes that zuy score below 64 is hard to come by and this course is not all that easy. easy. | Carling scores: 62-Fend (CB) 65-G Player; 12 La Lieg Huan Formosa; CB: C. Peete (US); Tunist; Dassa (Hay). A Soain; 72-D. Samethe F. Mousa (Egypt).

PGA hold junior | A family affair Ryder Cup

The young golfers of Britain and Ireland will take on the United States in a junior Ryder Cup match at Mere, Cheshire, on October 20-22. The top six boys and four girls, all under 18, in the final of the De Beers Diamond junior championship at the Cambridgeshire Flotel course on August 5-6 will form the bome team.

They will tackle the Americans over the Ryder Cup format of foursomes, four balls and singles for the Sandy Lyle Trophy, put up for competition by Europe's top money winner last season.

The Professional Golfers' Association are introducing the event in a bid to attract more young players to golf in the next few years. Lyle, aged 22, said: "Golf has to find ways of offering the best encouragement to youngsters. The idea of an international match similar to the Ryder Cup has trameodoos appeal.

McLeod drops out

Lu Lang-Huan of Taiwan and his nephew, Lu Hsi-Chnen, will his nephew, Lu Hsi-Chnen, will hedges international open tournament at Fulford on August 7-19. The older Lu, winner of 35 major Asian úties, won fame is Britain 12 1971 with a memorabis-performance in the Open championship at Birkdale, where himished second to Lee Treving The younger Lu, in his second season as a professional, was the winner of the Asian circuit in 1979 and has already won a tour nament and finished second in another this year.

It will be the only appearance of the Taiwan goifers in Britaithis year, as they have not emerate for the Open at Murifield in July Another corrender at Fulforwill be the Australian, Grahar Marsh, who won the Dunlo Masters and Dutch Open titles o the European circuit last year.

Botham hurt England's Test cricketer, Is Botham, suffered an ankle injur when helping Scamborpe Umterserves to a 1-d draw again Notes County reserves on Wedne day. He boosted the gate to 60 five times its usual figure. England's chances of retaining the world cross-country title in Paris on Sunday, suferted a blow yesterday when Mike McLeod withdrew. He has a groke injury and will be replaced by Barry

Cambridge depend on early advantage

By Jim Railton

It is Oxford University's turn to host the annual boxing match against Cambridge and the event this evening was sold out weeks ago. It is always a contest of honest endeavour but both sides have on show some highly-skilled and experienced boxers. Both captains feel they will win by a narrow majority. Indeed, both captains meet in the third bout, the light-welter-weight, when Oxford's Steve Harmell fights Conrad Clifford. The outcome of this bout could just start the victory swing.

Certainly Cambridge will wish

Certainly Cambridge will wish to gain an early advantage with three of Oxford's best offerings apparently in the second half of the programme. The Oxford freshman middleweight, Rod Ligari from Fiji, is a stylish technician with a hard punch. Watching him the second sud third bouts. But the sparring, it is clear he has spent some time in the aport. Oxford's bouts of unpredictable outcome, hopes, too, rely on light heavy-

Sandown Park programme

1.45 LILAC HURDLE (Div I : novices : £878 : 2m)

Lavonero, 7-2 Dom Meucini, 4-1 Doen Soudd, 6-1 Hudson's Bay, 8-1 s. 12-1 Brave Duke, Mid Day Gun. 14-1 Kilmopaghan, 16-1 others.

DICK McCREERY CUP CHASE (Handicap: amateurs:

Not Gay George, 0-2 Bors Division, 5-1 Distingo, 13-2 Croire Vissile, 8-1 Rorn To Reason, 10-1 Brighton Marina, 12-1 Michelham Lad, 16-1 others.

3.25 HORSE AND HOUND GOLD CUP CHASE (Amateurs:

5-2 Yark Henry 5-1 Collars And Cuifs, 4-1 Mister Know All, 5-1 Beeno, In-1 Transformetion, I3-1 Royal Exchange, 14-1 Double Bridal, 20-1 Double Broated

By Our Racing Correspondent 1.45 Hudsons Bay. 2.15 Sunrise Hill. 2.50 Gay George. 3.25 Collars and Cuffs. 4.0 Go Arrowsmith. 4.30 French Charisma. 5.0 Coolerin Boy.

By Michael Seely
1.30 Dfbbinsdale Lad. 2.0 Igloo Fire. 2.30 Chebbie. 3.0 WAGNER is specially recommended. 3.30 Come to Hand. 4.0 Killeenoghty. 4.30 Angelo Salvini.

4.0 FLYERS OPEN CHASE (Novices: £2.084: 2m 18vd)

4.30 LIME OPEN HURDLE (Handicap: £1.339: 2m)

5.0 LILAC HURDLE (Div II: novices: £878: 2m)

Sandown Park selections

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2.50 SELECT FOUR YEARS OLD HURDLE (£1,872: 2m)

Racing

weight Nick Stafford-Deitsch who, a few weeks ago, took the open British Universities title. This

British Universities title. This evening he will be looking for his third successive victory in this annual match.

Should success, however, hang on the last event—the heavyweight contest—there is a promise of some bruising action. Both universities are well armed and will push two Americans, each of over 15 st, into the ring. Oxford's offering is Crowley, a Vale footbeller. Cambridge's hopes lie in McAllun, from the University of Pennsylvania; it is said he has trained in no less than "Smoking Joe" Frazier's gymnasiam. Some how I do not expect this bout to last three rounds.

the advantage. The match takes on a new format this year. The ban-tamweight contest has been drop-ped and instead there will be two middleweight contests, each scor-ing in the nine-bout match.

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TEAMS (Oxford names first)
Fosther: R. L. Brake (King Edward's Sail), and St Peter's: V. N. Ashord (Oxford names)
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round. The signt of Major Sandy Cramsle winning this year's race on Collars and Cuffs would give me and, I am sure, many more besides an Immense amount of pleasure. Collars and Cuffs is owned by

Collars and Cuffs is owned by Brigadler Roscoe Harvey, who was for years the Jockey Club's senior supendiary steward. In that capacity, Brigadjer Harvey carned the greatest respect of all. He never managed to ride the wioner of the Grand Military Gold Cup when he was younger, even though he tried and failed narrowly on several occasions. So it would be fitting if he were to win it now as an owner.

Strictly on the book, my selection should probably not be up to

Strictly on the book, my season tion should probably not be up to beating Lord Allaudale's nine-year-old, Mark Henry, quite yet. Whereas Collars and Cuffs's soll-tary success over fences was gained against fellow novices at Towcester last month, Mark

Towcester last month, Mark Henry has heaten seasoned handl-cappers at Wetherby this year.
But something persuades me to take a chance with Collars and Cuffs on this occasion. Perhaps it

curs on this occasion. Perhaps it is the knowledge that he has been trained especially for this race for some while and that his rider to arguably the most experienced in the field. At all events, Collars and Cuffs represent a sporting bet to realize one of his owner's few transing ambitions.

The military races apart, the card may well be carved up by those close neighbours in Lambourn, Nicky Henderson, Fred Winter, Filke Walwyn and Jennie

remaining ambitions.

Time for military men to

despite washout

five days

Faisalabad, March 6.—The first day's play in the second Test between Australia and Pakistan was abandoned without a ball being bowled today. Heavy rain on Tuesday flooded the ground and although the weather today was bright and sunny the ground committee decided the pitch was unplayable.

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However, there is still a chance that the Test will be staged over five days. The Australian captain, Greg Chappell, said his resm would agree to forego the rest day on Sundey to make up for today's washout. The team manager, Fred Betnett, was to discuss this play with the Pakistan cricket authorities late today.

the late today.

Both camp have delayed naming their side. "There's no point in showing our hand until we have to." Chappell said. Today's washout gave Pakistan more time to get Imrau Khan and Sikander Bakht fit. Imrau, who has a leg injury, said he had only a slim chence of playing. Patistan lead

seven-year-old, Lavangro, to beat in the first division of the Lilac Novices Hurdle. Whatever his luck with Lavengro, Winter should at least win the other division with

least win the other division with Coolerin Boy, who landed a gamble when he won at Kempton.

The way that Gay George won his last race at Rempton suggests to me that he could well be up to giving weight and a beating all round in the Select Four-Year-Old Hurthe while French Charisma, another of that age group, may well prove capable of beating all his older rivals in the Lime Open Handican Hurdle, now that he is

Handicap Hurdle, now that he is running again on a more demand-

on the flat racing front it was announced yesterday by Johnnie Walker that they have commissioned the ardst, Lynn Alexander, to paint the winner of the Oaks Trial at Lingfield Park this year, which they are roomsoring on Manager of the Carlotter and they are roomsoring on Manager of the Carlotter and they are roomsoring on Manager of the carlotter are roomsoring on the carlotte

which they are sponsoring on May 9. The painting of the horse's head will constitute a somewhat unusual trophy for this Group Three Pattern race which will be worth £14,000 this year, compared with £10,000 last year.

Finally, the Joint Racing Board working marry which was set up

working party which was set up last year under the chairmanship of John Marriage, QC, to review the chrrent arrangements for

apprentice training, has recom-mended that separate self-contained premises should be found for the establishment of a permanent apprentice training school.

It adds that the school should

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Swiss hope their hero will be in tune for Aintree

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The Grand National has always
exercised a fascination for foreign
owners. The Gold Cup may be
the truest test of a steeplechaser's the truest test of a steeplechaser's ment, but, apart from the Derby, the Grand National is the best known of our races in the eyes of the rest of the world.

Ever since Lottery and Jem Mason made every yard of the raming to win the first Aintree marathon in 1839, this unique ordeal of courage and stamina has captured everybody's imagination, and an esemated 750 million viewers watch this colourful spectacle on television.

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Last year the Pillers chartered an aircraft and brought 40 of their friends and relations to Aintree, where Wagner finished fifth behind Rubstic. This time the happy band are returning in high lopes of seeing on trei better showing from their hero; last year Wagner had spent the early part of the season in Switzerland where he contracted the virus and he was not 100 per cent fit when he put up his gallant performance in the Nadonal.

This winter, however, Wagner when he put up his gallant per type his watch this colourful spectacle on television.

In its time the Grand National has been won by German. American, French, Canadian and Irish owners. This year one of the best fancied candidates, Wagner, before Gandidates, Wagner, Complete his nitrological Complete his Aintree preparadon by winning the March Hard Handidates of the Gandidates, Wagner, before Ga

It adds that the school should brovide a two-tier system of training with basic courses for stable staff and advanced courses for work riders and jockeys. The board has accepted the principle of establishing a charitable trust to administer such a school and will now investigate all aspects, including its financing, in more detail. Pitman. Henderson's recent Hunt-ingdon winner, Hudson's Bay. Hown Park: Good to soft. Stockton: appears to have only Winter's Ar Good. Doncaster Good to soft. Stratford-on-Avon 3 15 12 MI HONEYBOURNE CHASE

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Labour MPs: how many at risk?

One of the weaknesses of Labour moderates in their constitutional battles against the left is that may give the impression of not trusting the party in the country. They do not want the National Executive Committee to have too much power over the manifesto, constituency parties to be able to exert too much pressure on MPs by submitting them to an automatic reselection process, or anybody outside the parliamentary party to have a vote in elect-ing the leader. They fear the influence of irresponsible elements.

They have powerful reasons for doing so. But it is not good for public relations in a party that stands for greater equality and remains suspicious of

One of the critical questions is whether to extend democracy within the party by giving all paid-up mem-bers a direct voice in the selection and reselection of parliamentary candidates, instead of leaving the choice to the scneral management committee in each constituency as at present.

The left does not favour such a change, insisting that it is the active members who are best equipped to choose a candidate and knowing full well that left-wingers form a much higher proportion of activists than o bour supporters. So the left wants a full selection process in every constituency in each Parliament, whether there is a sitting Labour MP

The shadow cabinet would as a whole prefer the party not to become em-broiled at all in the messy business of constitutional reform. As it is too late to prevent that, the majority want to take their stand on the status quo, largely for tactical reasons. So the shadow cabinet is proposing to the parliamentary party that it should support the Mikardo compromise—the proposal hich the party conference accepted in which the party conference accepted in 1978 whereby each constituency general management committee would vote on management committee would vote on whether t oreadept a sitting MP, and only if it decided not to do so would a full selection process be held. This leaves the question of greater party democracy for the PLP to take up if it wishes to do so.

The demand is clearly growing, though the precise proposals vary. Dianne Hayter, the general secretary of the Fabian Society, argued in a pamphlet in September, 1977, that each

One moonlit night the village

schoolmaster takes his gun and invites me to watch with him over one of his plots of newly

harvested rice, now awaiting threshing. Thieves he fears might steal it overnight.

We talk and he recounts the

was tricked in a land mortgage

deal by the village headman

had finally to lose part of their

land because the family, mem-

bers of the Maratha warrior

caste, could not rally support against the now dominant

Land disputes are often at

the origin of village factions.

long predaing today's politics.
The Vokkaliga elected village headman is a Congress supporter devoted to Mrs Gandhi

as "India's only real leader." But that loss of family land was

enough to put the schoolmaster

bechive for you cannot but help lick the honey off his fingers."

the schoolmaster replied when

I asked him whether the poli-

ticians in his view are self interested or help the villages' progress. "It was the politi-cians who brought this medicine to our village," the shrewd but

intensely conservative wife of

one of the village medium sized

farmers replied to the same quety another day—meaning rural electrification. "If there were no politicians we would

have to get everything, each

The man who cleans the

opposition

Vokkaliga peasants.

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in the village.

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Dr David Owen: a two-tier safeguard for Labour MPs.

management committee !! should vote between each election on whether it wanted a sitting MP to stand again. If it did not, then the choice should be thrown open to all members of the party in the constitu-

The Campaign for Labour Victory in a pamphlet last month proposed that the full membership should decide whether to readopt an MP as well as making any final selection from an approved short list drawn up by management committee. This position is supported in more general terms by a group of 30 backbenchers led by Mr Mike Thomas.

Dr David Owen is suggesting what is known as a two-tier safeguard, whereby the committee would recommend whether or not to readopt a sit-ting member and this recommendation. whatever it was, would come before a meeting of all members for ratification. Most trade unions seem to be opposed to involving the full member-ship in the selection of parliamentary candidates because they fear that this

own . sponsored their selected. But not all unions take this view. The Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union is

Dr Owen has an interesting suggestion for an electoral commission which would be responsible for providing for postal ballots in trade unions, political parties, companies and other institutions, where the body concerned wished to have one.

But postal ballots within the Labour Party are bound to be no more than a long-term idea if only because the organization and state of records in many constituencies would simply not be up to it. The key question now though, does not concern the mechanics of how to bring all party members into decision-making. It should be done at all. whether this

Three principal arguments are advanced for doing so. One is that it would prevent the left from having a monopoly on the theme of greater party democracy. That is simply a

healthy for such small groups to deter-mine who shall sit in the House of Commons. Sometimes these groups are little more than cliques, but the general point holds true whether these are cliques or not. It may be illustrated by the example of one Labour MP who was chosen for a safe Labour sear by a majority of 18 to 16 on his GMC. For such a tiny majority in a small group effectively to decide who shall speak for an electorate of 45,000 is an

be easier to recruit members into the party if they were then given a direct voice in choosing the parliamentary candidate. They have that at the moment only if they are prepared to endure the wearisome chore of serving on the management committee. Not everyone is convinced that this is the answer to the problem of recruitment.

Mr David Hughes, the Labour Party
national agent, does not believe that
this would be the decisive factor,

which he regards as the readiness of existing members to go out and recruit others. The problem is particularly acute for Labour because it has suffered such a decline in individual member-Unless this is rectified, Labour become even more the party of the unions than it is at present. But there is a broader consideration con-cerning the legitimacy of all political

With so many other calls on every-ne's time these days, it may be that fewer people are prepared to join a political part. But the British political system depends upon parties represent-ing and channelling public opinion. If they fail to represent the wishes of the voters in the policies they offer, or the candidates they choose, they will not fade away; but they will command progressively less public confidence not just for themselves but for the whole political process.

There is not and I do not believe that

in British conditions there ought to be, a primary system to perform this function in the choice of candidates. Which is why there is a special national as well as not into the choice of candidates. as well as party interest in the parties broadening their popular base.

Last week Geoffrey Smith referred to an article appearing "in the March issue of Tory Reform". This should have read

Adding weight to the protectionist argument

Expressions of dissent within the Tory Party, at all levels, should not obscure the fact that the great majority of backbenchers are steadfastly loyal to the Prime Minister in her enderrours—elmost single-handed it seems at times—to change our country's prospects. Her courage and clarity of vision won the election for us and, by their direct countribu-tion to the circuit of the mainter. tion to the size of our majority in Parliament, have endowed the Government with freedom to apply radical solutions.

Having said this, it must now be admitted that as Sur Keith Joseph declared in the past, Monetarism is not enough. Unless the industrial regeneration of Britain gets under way within the next six months, we shall be locked into a descending spiral of strong exchange rate, leading to cheaper imports, and com-pounding the difficulties of exporting goods that are already obsolete, poorly ser-viced and erratically delivered. riced and erratically delivered. The steady decline of our manufacturing industry will shrow more and more of its participants on the labour market, thus further loading the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement (PSBR) with social security claims and denying the possibility of those tax reductions and incentives upon which the monetarist

Those of us who reject the of the original U-turn none the less feel anxiety at the prospect of major strategic industries being run into the ground so hard that they are no longer capable of accommodating even the minor increases the equipment side of the defence budget to which the party is electorally committed. Of course, to turn aside from rescue operations may improve the balance sheet on capital account, but the resulting drain in unemployment benefit redundancy payments can

The next six months will be a crucial time for the future of Britain

much of it to be expended by the recipients on foreign im-ports and job creation ver-

To control these imports, combining existing: policies with traditional Tory protectionist attitudes would no more be inconsistent than it was at the control of the contro the turn of the cnetury, or in the Thirties. The decision would be a political one, but the case against it is nearly always argued in (conomic terms. Perhaps this is because the political arguments in favour are so strong that those who seek to resist them prefer to fight on ground where they can make their own rules; and communicate in sectarian codes.

To counter these argument I have for the past three months been using the Treasury computer (subject to the disclaimer at the end of this article) to calculate the effect on the PSBR and the balance of payments—those two implacable "Halt " indicators in the old stop/go cycles—of dif-ferent variations of import

Quite spectacular results can be obtained by imposing relarively modest limitations. example, controls could be imposed on 60 per cent by value of imports simed at reducing the value coming into the country by 5 per cent a year from the present level. In addition, to raise government revenue a 10 per cent surcharge imposed in 1980 could be raised to 20 per cent in charge imposed in 1980 could be raised to 20 per cent in 1981 and 30 per cent in 1982. This produces a PSRR result—existing policy predictions in brackets—in mid-1981 of £6,000m (£11,000m) and in mid-1982, £1,800m (£9,750m). On existing policies the balance of payments is still not balance of payments is still not in surplus by mid-1982, but

surplus of £940m in mid-1981 (minus £2,400m) and a surplus of £5,800m in mid-1982 com-pared with a deficit of The principal political objection is the concept's associa-tion with the intemperate left wing of the Labour Party national executive committee. But this is to miss the real point, namely that the advantages of guaranteed markets, expanding job opportunities, higher revenue would accrue under conditions of Tory free-

with import controls there

dom and mobility, unencum-bered by the oppressive; egai-terienism and social engineering of the Bennite variant. Many of the incidental frustrations and invitants of present policies would distrations and irritants of present policies would disappear. For example, the offering of incentives, especially to those already enjoying substantial incomes and "perks" can appear somewhat tactless, to put it no lower, when others find it difficult to get any employment at all. But once the borrowing requirement as the borrowing requirement as a proportion of the gross national product starts to decline really substantial use cuts

The principal economic thinking.
objection is that Britain
"depends" on world trade and
that retaliation against our The author is Conserve
exports would be damaging. for Plymouth. Sutton.

become equitable as well as

Leaving aside the obvious rejoinder—that we have been in deficit on manufacture trading account for the past 30 years so we can hardly be said to be benefiting from it—the retaliation argument is far too rectangular in assumes that reprisals will be both general and immediate. Neither is in the least likely.

Detailed analysis of import origins and export destinations show that many sectors are likely not to be affected at all, others nor significantly. And in no case would reprisels be on: scale comparable with either the advantages that a protected market would offer overall, or the damage threatening certain nitherto immune sectors (such the commercial vehicle in-

An objection that demands areful attention, however, hat import controls would still further "improve" the erchange rate because of the effect on the balance of pay-neurs. But here it should be noted that such an improvement is much less inflationary rian increasing foreign carr ings by devaluation. Nor would there be dangerous conse-quences for the money supply artendant on central intervention with the exchange rate.

he deeper I research the protectionist . argument more I become convinced that it will stand up to any form of expert scruting. With both the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement and the balance of payments transformed, it can be seen that by as early as the autumn of 1982 really substantial freedom would devolve late in good time to win the next election if I may express the political argument at its

tion to traditional Tory protec-tionism—and one well suited to the Prime Minister's perceptive instincts for the mood of the nation. The siege economy" is a pejorarive term but within its delipition is tha latent nationalism and pride which even the most cyclical may hope to feel once more, and without which no great Donitical endeavour can

trade umon movement cannot be subjugated. It can be brought into allegiance, the subversives isolated, only in conditions of economic advance. A Pyrrhic victory against a background of derelict industry and rising usem-ployment would disqualify for many years the Tory party's claim to govern in the national

Since is is now feshiofable to indicate alternatives by quo tation from our political force fathers, may I remind Conservarives of Joe Chambarain's words in 1905 at a factory meeting: "The manufacturer may save himself—he may invest his capital abroad where profits are higher. But it is not for him that I am chiefly con cerned, it is for you the workers. I say to you the loss of employment means more than the loss of capital it any manufacturer. You cannot live on your investments in a foreign country. You like on the labour of your hands and if that labour is taken from you, you have no resources except perhaps to learn French

The simulation referred to above was undertaken on the Treasury Macroeconomic Model (including the experimental monetary factor) the experimental monetary sector through the scheme operated by the House of Commons Library with the helf of the Economist Intelligence Unit. It is not a Treasury forecast and incorporates assumptions which do not necessarily correspond to Treasury whintelling.

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The begging bowl could be out again

Richard Wigg concludes his five-part survey of Indian rural life with a visit to a village in the Karnataka province

The headman got elected on a promise of providing permanent drinking water to the village by the end of 1979. It still has not arrived. It would replace two wells, one for the Untouchables and one for the rest of the villagers, at which each morning have presently to wait to fill their pails, often adding an extra hour to their aiready long days. These wells

go dry during the year.
"If there was less stepping in by the politicians, taking sides and exploiting our fac-tions, there might be greater unity among us villagers and so more development," one of the "opposition" farmers observed

one night.
More than 80 per cent of India's 630 million inhabitants still live in the country's more than 500,000 villages and a seperation after the country's

first Five Year Plan launched ment in 1952 seems a good time to judge results. Three quarters duce (by weight) still does not come on to commercial markets, being consumed directly those who produce it, Less t 40 per cent of the villages are connected to all-weather roads and less than one third of adult villagers can really read

The progress achieved has not The progress achieved has not only sharply varied from region to region but always been refracted by those indigenous values of religion, society, and economic individualism still powerful in village India.

The price of progress has been a new dependence by the villagers on the market towns and cities of India, economic, political, and cultural in the sense of offering a rival pattern of living which it is hardly possible to exaggerate. India's market towns have become the real power centres, today dominating the rural majority of the nation who live dispersed in small, backward nuclei. Rural India is not an open society, only an opening society still largely within predemocratic



moulds. Land remains the key to power in rural India and in the skewed rural progress of the past 30 years all men of direct proportion to the land

justice. In india over the past 30 years the years the rural electorate has primarily served as a " rote bank" for the politicians from the urban centres. Every five years or so the politicians come from the towns, where they live, purveying their promises and the villagers, lined up in their factions, have a fleeting chance to exercise an influence. The politicians clearly have

no interest in freeing the de-serted villages—deserted not in the sense of Oliver Goldsmith's famous poem but because the politicians have deserved the real causes of the villagersfrom a convenient dependence, dispensing their services to the better organized, higher castes in return for a block of votes. There is a serious lack of the spirit of self help among India's villagers, but dependence goes far to explain the failure

to develop robust organs of vil-

after his Iowa disaster.

great missed opportunities for more balanced social and ecoudevelopment. Congress independence dreamed of India becoming a "cooperative commonwealth" with the excess holdings from land reform then expected to go to multi-purpose village cooperatives. But so in-egalitarien a society could not produce sturdy coop members from a caste-ridden landless peasantry. Typically, the only among the dairy farmers of Gujarat and the sugar mills of

prosperous farmers.

lage local government, blocked by the professional politicisms. The influence wielded by the

dominant rural castes explain one of India's

in the absence of a vigorous movement the agricultural tasks facing India can only be accomplished, if at all, by encouraging the average size of agricultural units to rise still further to permit more intensive modern farming. But no politician surviving on adult suffrage. has dared to say that.

In India the average size of individual smallholdings is going down rapidly due to increasing population pressure as Dr M. S. Swaminathan, the country's Agricultural Secretary, told an international agricultural experts' seminar in gove examing new figures showing how in Urnar Pradesh and Karmataka the number of marginal smallholdings (below one bectare) had gone up by 12 and 17 per cent between 70/71 and 76/77. Already the 1971 census had shown more than half India's farmers were marginal. Data

prepared last year for the draft Sixth Five Year Plan show 61 per cent of rural households now either own no land or only marginal uneconomic fragment of one bectare or less. It is these stark figures which make so hazardous the

official goal set by the Janata Government for doubling the country's foodgrains production, to reach 230m metric tons, over the next 20 years. How to develop high yield, high stability technologies for very small farms, how, with nearly 70 per cent of India's total cultures. tivated area entirely dependent on monsoon rains, to get effi cient irrigation schemes to the mass of small farmers? How above all, will India's state agricultural bureaucracy, edmitted by semior agricultural officials fessional skills and sense of mission leave their desk jobs and work and ave among the small farmers? Dr Swaminathan, the former optimist of the Green Revolu-

tion, warned last year if India did not manage to implement a highly complex package of land reforms, effective marketing. storage, and distribution of foodgrains, and special measures to help the poorer farmers overcome handicaps "we will have to carry the begging bowl again". Now he has just added another problem
how to finance the spiraling
energy bills of India's high cost
modern agriculture? But even Dr Swaminathan's rall order still ignores the almost 50 per cent of India's population aheady below the burger line today: and most of them are in India's villages. Is no solution envisaged for them?

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Surprise, but what about March 18?

The joy of this presidential election has been the series of stunning surprises inflicted upon up by the various electorates. The first, the great rush of andrenalin to the fingertips of all those scribbling reporters desperately re-writing their pieces, was Mr Ronald Reagan's sweeping victory over Mr George Bush in the New Hampshire primary.

We had all got it wrong, rewe had all got it wrong, re-porters and politicians together, expecting a close race between the two. Bush had the "big mo" (momentum), we thought, be might easily win in New Hampshire and carry the nomination at a jog.
Then came the Anderson sur-prise. Equally perspicacious re-

porters and experts had unand-mously insisted that he hadn't a hope. His astonishing performance in Massachusetts and Vermout (he came a close second in each state). Sent the predictions whirring again.

Could he possibly make it all the way? Might he even win? The big test is on March 18, in Illinois (he is congressman) from a rich north-western part of the state). If George Bush's balloon finally comes to earth then, the race will be between Reagan and Anderson. The Anderson press plane will be full by then—only he has not got a plane, let alone a press plane. Mr Bush has one, with a large stuffed gorilla as a mascot. Teddy Kennedy started with two, dropped one immediately and lost the other

runner One of the pleasures of rushing around the country for elec-tions is that one can usually find time to visit the local art Bush campaign 'plane discovered the other day that the Walker Gallery in Minneapolis, Minesora, was exhibiting a selection of works from Picasso's wireste collection Picasso's private collection. A Musee Picasso is to be opened in Paris next year and in the meantime, the paintings have gone to the Mid-West. A

Bow street

reporters abandoned George Bush for quite different pleasures. New Hampshire, the media capital of America moted, and directs the Clarke

bus was organized, tickets were

bought, and assorted political



a fine art guilery. In 1976 its director was a former London policeman. Mr David Brook, once stationed in Bow Street, He studied art at Harvard and in due course was sent to Man-chester's Currier Gallery. It has a lot of fine local

furniture (one piece was sent to The Times Bi-contennial Exhibition in Groenwich), a nice Tiepolo, a fine Monet and an equally fine Constable, and works by Degas, Greuze, Tinto-retio, Raeburn and Rosmey retto, Raeburn and Romney and a Picasso. It also has some

Williamstown, Massachusetts, which has a vast collection of Impressionists (Mrs Clarke loved Repoir) and the second finest collection of silver in America. The best is in Boston. New Hampshire was a general rendezvous for American repor ters. It seemed as though everyone who had been there in 1976 was back again, four years older but otherwise un-changed.

The hotel in the centre of Manchester, where half the press were based in 1976, has been converted to an old been converted to an old people's home. This was the place where Jimmy Carter savoured his first victory. 28 per cent over a crowded field. Otherwise, the place has hardly changed at all, and the numbers of correspondents, from all over the world, is as

from all over the world, is as great as ever. A bit of novelty was provided by Mr Lyndon LaRouche, running for the Democratic nomination, who had a bus driving around Manchester with loudspeakers blaring the finale from Fidelio.

His campaign includes a promise to suppress drugs. He helieves that the British Royal Family is behind the internacional drug trade. He runs a cult, rather like the Moonies, and has many roung Jewish followers. He also thinks that the protocols of the Elders of Zion are genuine.

Buttoned down

One change since 1976 is ha Mr Ronald Reagan's hair-style. During the last campaign, it was of a rather startling hase, leading President Ford to remark unkindly that Mr

knew whose hair had gone prematurely orange. Now it is more conventional. dark shading to grey, streaked with white. The most exciting hair style is worn by Mr John Anderson, who is platinum blond, and has a Greek wife, His compaign buttons are red, which is appropriate: your true Republican thinks him a pinks, at the very least.

Not that colours mean all that much: a few people this year have got out 1976 Reagan buttons, large, red, and heart-shaped with "Reagan for president" printed on them-followed by a sticker marked of the covering up the existing "80", covering up the original date. The largest button I have seen this year (and eagerly sought-after it is) is Barold Stassen's. It, 100, is red. His last button was white, with Becks of red and a fetching red crescent on each side. He has been running for president since the 40s. and has had lots of practice in button design.

Stay-at-home

Meanwhile, President Carter stays in the White House or takes long weekends in Camp David, Maryland, where he is practising cross-country skiing. This is known as a "rose gar-den" campaign, in older times it was called a front porch cam-

it was called a front porch cam-paign.
The idea was that the candi-date would stay at home, sirring on his front porch, letting the world pass him by. One of its most successful practitioners was Senator Warren Gamaliel Harding, who was swept into the Whire House in 1920 with an effortuna majorite without was of a rather startling line, an enormous majority without leading President Ford to campaigning at all remark unkindly that Ms Governor Tom Dewey of New Reagan was the only man he York tried the same tactics in

1948, and came a spectacular cropper. Mr Richard Nixon modified it, in 1972, into the "rose garden" strategy that Mr Carter is now using. At frequent intervals during 1972, he would saily forth into the garden at the White House, to make some amouncement or receive some visitor, and to be recorded by relevision doing his presidential

Mr Carter, of course, does not go into the garden in mid-winter, but managed to appear requestly on television. It remind voters that he has better things to do than grob around for votes with Senator Kennedy and Governor Brown. He has promised to stay in the White House (or in Camp David) until the bostages are raleased in Tehran.

Tehran.

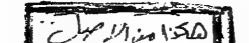
Mr Kennedy and Mr Brown
pray every night that he still
trip on his roses or his skis and
then on Monday their prayers
were answered, President Certer
managed one of those foreign
policy disasters of which he has the secret recipe.

He had allowed the United States to approve a Security Council resolution that criticated Israel on Saturday, and when the protests came flooding in he abruptly reversed himself.

blaming Cyrus Vance for failure of communication.

It was winning Carter, as object lesson on how to fall between two shoots like Kennedy will make the make of it. 1988 as going to be a splending year. Patrick Broger

AN APOLOGY



same time, it wished to protect 90

far as possible the essential, central fabric of the education service and believed that local

education authorities should be

books and materials.

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THE TUNNEL SURFACES AGAIN

After an interval of five years, connexionwas strictly ancillary the tide is running strongly for to the mai function of providing a fixed link between Britain and Europe motably for the singletube rail-only tunnel that British and French railways had the prescience to trot out before other contenders were ready. What should Britain's attitude

be? Inis is a very different animal from that killed off by Britain in 1974, much to the chagrin of our parmers in France. Its modest purpose is to provide a direct connexion between the British and European railway systems so that trains could run through as if the Channel were not there. As such it would be of primary benefit to the rail-ways and these who use and finance them. finance them. It would be nice for travellers from Britain to catch fast through-trains to Paris, Brussels, Cologne and vice versa (which would offer some relief to the airports); for freight forwarders to load up in Britain for distant continental destinations and vice-versa (which would offer some relief to the roads); and for the Freasury, which currently supports British Rail to the tune of around £500m a year, to see a step taken at no cost to the inspayer that could markedly improve British Rail's traffic market prospects and financial performance. The single-tube tunnel for all the operating problems it would seem to the lavman to raise should help to achieve those himited ends

The twin-tunned of 1974 was much less modest, and bridge solutions less so still. The rail

BBC'S SENSE OF PRIORITIES

Of all the BBC's proposed cuts it is the intention to disband five of its orchestras that has received the most vigorous criticism. This is not surprising. A good orchestra attracts its own circle of appreciative listoners, and national or regional senti-ments as well as a musical following are strached to most of the orchestras in question.
But at a time when the BBC
unquestionably does have to
make economies it would be unrealistic to insist that it has a duty to keep going all the exist-ing eleven. They are more than the corporation requires for its broadcast output, and they are there in such number today as an expression of the BBC's traditional role as a patron of serious music. That is an honourable role which has been of much value to the wider. cultural life of the country, but it would not be sensible to demand that it should be main- maintained in rel terms only tained in the future, when re-trenchment is required at a level far in excess of broadcasting needs, especially as some of the regional orchestras are of disunctly inferior quality.

It does not follow, though, eliminate the right ones. Indeed, one might suspect that in overhight, but it i possible to

"submeged ferry" carrying road traffic between big new British an French terminals at either endof a railway shurtle beneath th Channel. The huge volume of taffic moving this way was the min. purpose of the twin-tunnel and the main potential source of profit to private sector promters. It was also the main objectof criticism. For the canalization of traffic through London ancKent; the spur to developmen in the south-east where it we not wanted; the artificial (sice it would have been supposed by Government guarantees) concentration of traffic on aparticular route in

the wrong pice at the expense of a proliferaon of flexible ferry routes aroun the east and south coast (whin has in fact happened sire 1974) — all this was against Britain's interest, however muc the project might favour Francs. France, ha been noticeably

cool towards ie latest initiative, and this coul be not so much from pique oar Britain's action in .1974, as conviction that, though the ra tunnel would be beneficial to rance by helping her railways ke Britain's, the submerged fery would be even more so. It would tend to canalize Britain's connental trade and tourism throzh France and enable her to ux it; and stimulate regional deelopment in the London and th south-east) it is badly needed.

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Symphony, withits tradition as

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A much wiser deision would be

to strengthen itsnd to extend

its tours throzhout Britain

so that it becae in effect,

though not in nue, the BBC's

extra-metropolita symphony

In general the BC is suffer-

ing financially fron two trends.

over one of whih it has no

control. It is me its fault the

licence fee systen has run into

difficulties at a ime of such

rapid inflation. With prices

rising at the preent rate, the BBC's income cold have been

if ministers of accessive gov-

ernments were preared to keep

on raising the feery more than

they consider to se politically

expedient. But theother reason

why the corporation is in diffi-

culties is that it habecome over-

extended. That is weakness which it is not possile to correct to the twin-tunnel remain as strong as ever, must be for the rail-only tunnel, provided it can be built without cost to the taxpayer. According to the consultants Coopers and Lybrand in their report to the EEC, it would yield a return of 14 per cent over inflation; ample to attract the private investor.

This conclusion needs to be tested in the months ahead by further refining of the details of the railway scheme, and soundings in the financial markets. Meanwhile the British and French governments should start to prepare a treaty setting out the terms under which some body would build and operate the tunnel, and the railways use it. Ideally such terms would allow the greatest possible degree of commercial freedom to both parties, who would be in any case in competition with other modes. subject only to the kind of regulation it has traditionally been thought proper to impose on privately financed public utili-

No doubt the EEC, which indicates privately a keen interest in helping to finance this politically and economically significant addition to Europe's transport infrastructure, will want to be involved. No doubt France, once Britain's interest was declared, would characteristically raise the price for agreeing to it, though a rail tunnel would be in her interest too. No doubt the EEC would be caught Pas de Calai where (unlike in the cross-currents. All of which is good reason why Britain should clarify her thoughts, and, once clarified, press her interest with determination.

expressing the itention to sweep avoid making it worse. There is no justification for further expanding local radio at this time. It would be better in terms of broad strategy if the BBC were not involved in local radio at all; but to extend local radio while emasculating the regions is an excellent example of mistaken

> priorities. Another example of mistaken priorities is for cuts to be imposed on the serious end of radio broadcasting by closing down Radio Three earlier in the evening and by some merging of Radios Three and Four. These are features of the BBC's service which are of high quality and which nobody else is likely to provide. It would be impossible to make economies that would meet with universal acceptance, but the test by which they should be judged is whether they bear evidence of a deliberate strategy -as distinct from the easy managerial device of an equality of misery all round—and whether they take account of the needs of the public rather than the institutional requirements of the BBC. With its long and proud tradition, the corporation must have higher priorities than equipping itself for battle with the second commercial television channel.

IN THE BEST TRADITIONS OF THE ARMY

orchestra.

Some form of decoration to commemorate the work of those troops who belped to menitor the cessefire in Southern Rhodesia is reportedly under consideration in Whitehall. A decision will depend upon protocol, and no doubt to some extent upon the events of the next few weeks or even' months. However well deserved: a commemorative medal or whatever might seem! curiously inappropriate is the transition to independent rule in Zimbabwe were to go wrong. And there is opportunity still for it

Medals apart howevers the find battalion of 'F moving Commonwealth' Monitoring steatily through the bush Group (CMG) having won the towards him, in arrowformation, nation's admiration, deserve its their rifles cocked—and then had gratitude. When they arrived in Salisbury little more than two months ago, few knew anything about the country or the people who lived there. After a day of . intensive briefings many were driven off into an inhospitable bush to do a job which was, to say the most loosely defined. Local Rhodesians were sceptical

Social service spending From Mr Jack Hanson ...

Six According to your report (February 28) Stephen Hatch has indicated that only I per cent of the budget of local social services departments went to voluntary organizations. If this is correct in elandur to a study which was limited to three English towns, it does not reflect the pattern generally. Those uniamiliar with such budgets often fail to identify the substantial contributions made to voluntary agencies providing residential or day care. In Dorset, for example, financial help to the volunexample, misocial neip to the volun-tary sector in 1979-80 amounted to £600,000, or 5 per cent of the social services budget. If this is typical, it throws doubts upon Mr Harch's conclusion, about the need for a

reallocation of resources.
We value the vital contribution of We value the vital coarribation of objectary agencies and individual volunteers but, in these times of severe financial constraints when all the need of the most vulnerable cannot the determination of the most vulnerable cannot the determination of the relying upon financial subventions from the public authorities. Rather than engaging the lasticipating in the lasticipatine passing of degraratine authorities are not at the substitute of the substit of the substitute of the substitute of the substitute of the su igrating public agencies, it would be more constructive to identify the of brow and teek.

extent messhich they have amount . The word: despite previous aged solf-belp and neighbourhood reservations, bout the comfort of support schemes. Contrary to the such protects, I found the tested

about their chance of survival, let aloke success.

Morsover it son became apparent that they hd to ensure not only their own survival but that of the 22,000 Perioric Front members who wereherded into the assembly areas The CMG had to provide th PF with accommodation, foo, sterilizedwater, cooking uposits and medical aid—which as also in many places been freely dis-pensed to the loal African pensed to the load African

Mary of the returning soldiers have their tales to tel, like the young officer who wa awakened at dayn at a rendezvous point to to wak nervously though the balf light to greet tiem, hand outstreched in welcone; or the Royal Marine captair and five men wo were held a gunpoint for ar hour, surrounded by hostile Zanla men after a nasty inciden. Five sadly died in-Rhodesa though none as a result o hostile action.

popular notion, innovation and experiment are well established aspects i their strategy. It is mis-leading t suggest that imaginative schemes re the sole prerogative of the volutary sector. But we need more of tem !

Yours fairfully. JACK HAISON, President, Associatio of Directors of Social Services, Social Serves Department, County Hd. Dorcheste: Dorset.

Eve-proectors for squash From Mr & Harrison

Sir, I recetly tested an eye pro-tector for suash players, on behalf of the Britis Safety Council, which is manufacted and sold in Great Britain thogh not through retail

outlets. L The propert is a simple device consisting a metal shrouded in rubber and haped similarly to a pair of specicles, but without any players from both the effects of a players from both the effects of a players from both the effects of a penetrating to eye's bony defences of brow and teek.

As a force the CMG have not only survived, but succeeded. That the country has been able to hold an election whose processes have been acceptable to most of those who matter, is in no small measure due to the courage, industry and ingenuity of the British and other Commonwealth troops in their rather splendid isolation.

Perhaps still more important were their patience and common sense, qualities to be valued in a country where tempers rise with the sun and where suspicion is usually mutual. Despite all the recrimination which accompanied the election cam-paign, the CMG, under their commander, Major General John Acland, emerged with their reputation enlarged rather than diminished. It has not been a "campaign" with a place in military history, like Agincourt, the Peninsular Wars or the Western Desert. But in their quiet way the troops have performed in the best traditions of Britain's armed forces, and the country should know that this

is so. protector was reasonably unoborusive despite a marginal interference with the field of vision which could probably be compensated for anyway once a player got used to wearing his protector. One drawback, however: it cannot be easily worn with spectacles as it fits so tightly

to the head. At £6.50 some players may view the cost of the protector as prohibitive, but this is a small outlay sat against the loss of an eye. However, squash players should have the option of whether to equip themselves or not and to this end the Squash Rackets Association and sports manufacturers should be tak-ing a more active role in promoting protectors. Mass production and consequent economy of scale would also mean that protectors could be

sold much more cheaply. Fire years ago few people would have thought that many top class English cricketers would now be wearing helmets. The SRA should be responding now to a growing demand which may well make protective gear an equally common sight in the future on the country's squash courts. Yours faithfully, MIKE HARRISON,

Researcher,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Balancing society's view of industry

From Professor T. M. Husband Sir, It is revealing to compare the reactions of readers of The Times to two recent reports: Flowers and Finniston. One report deals with the restructuring of medical education in one city; the other with the restructuring of engineering education across the entire nation. Yet the former attracts loud, almost frenzied comment, while the latter draws sparse correspondence which is relegated to the Business pages. What makes The Times decide to

devote large areas of leader page

correspondence to Flowers and only a few columns in a less exalted page to Finniston? Can it really be true that medical education in London is so much more important to the readership than the future of our manufacturing industries? Of course not. It is simply The Times, acting in its traditional role of "the notice board of the Establishment". Despite the brave words in your editorial on Finniston you have. I submit, Sir. done little to give the lead to balancing society's risks on the importance of industry. view on the importance of industry in general and engineering in par-

There is a desperate need for the media to present the true picture of British industrial life. There is an or bridsh industrial life. There is an urgent need for our leadership to become more aware of the facts of industrial life. Let me offer just one tiny example. In a recent exchange in the House of Commons, Mr John Knott, our Minister for Trade, was questioned on his visit to Jana.

to Japan.
In the course of his answer he conceded (apparently complacently) that he had no idea what was meant by industrial robots. This is prob-ably analogous to a Minister for Health confessing he had never heard of heart transplants! The extent of ignorance surrounding technology is disproportionately large and needs to be righted.

By adopting a more positive approach, The Times might just cause the Establishment to look at the notice board in a slightly different way. Prominent politicians who harry to tell us they owe their lives to the Westminster Hospital might also feel inclined to tell us they owe their education and lifeto the success and fruits of British industry. Some readers might also take a more balanced view of those trade unionists who are currently exercised at the prospect of their firms closing in exactly the same way as the Establishment is excited about the consequences of the Flowers recommendations.

Britain requires leadership based on a greater awareness of the role of manufacturing industry with all its problems and challenges. The Times cannot be expected to give the leadership, but it is surely obliged to provide the awareness. I am, Sir, yours faithfully. TOM HUSBAND. 30 Homefield Lane.

Rothley, Leicestershire, March 3.

Water rates and the aged

Sir. The retired and old householder Is suffering from increasing poverty as a result of the constant rise in the occupation tax known as several rates and in bills for gas and elecbecome a burden with all the bills stamped with the importunate imprint "Urgent". Some alleviation can be got of the general rate if, after a stringent means test, a rate rebate is given. In the case of the water rate, although this is based on rateable value, and in no way corresponds with the amount of water consumed, the water authori-ties state that even if a rate rebate is given it does not apply to them : there is no rebate on water charges, and a solitary person occupying a hereditament." has to pay as much as if it were swarming with a large family all having daily baths.

This inequity should now be cor-rected by a change in the Water Act., 1973. Even better domestic general rates should be abolished altogether for the aged pensioner.
About 50 per cent of the rates goes
on schooling children. The old in
this regard might be thought to have
already paid their stint. Yours faithfully, TOHN BRAY. Honorary Secretary, Fund for Research on Ageing,

Stand-up comic

5 Cambridge Gate, NW1.

Pebruary 28.

From Lord Greenhill of Harrow

Sir. At the kerb on the corner of Bridge Street and Parliament Square. SW1, there is a short metal bollard. It is painted gold to match the pedestrian railings which it is designed to protect. In the last six months, to my observation, it has been knocked down at least 10 times, possibly more. It is down egzin this morning. After it is knocked down it is promptly recrected and for a day or two is protected by flashing lights until the cement sets. Then the process begins again. I understand that the trailing wheels of juggernauts are responsible for the most part.

Two things concern me. First, the cumulative cost must now be a tidy sum. Second the responsible authorities are apparently prepared to see this game continue indefinitely. Is there no alternative? Yours ever. GREENHILL OF HARROW.

House of Lords. March 4.

Song of the shirt From Mr Ernest Pendrous Sir, In my local launderette, over a

row of drving machines there is a sign which reads: "10p runs 10 inimets".

I put in my money and sat back expecting certainly Boccherini and

perhaps Beethoven. But my shirts revolved in their crazy dance, quite unaccompanied. Was this not a record? Yours faithfully. ERNEST PENDROUS,

2 Twvierd Court. Twyford Avenue, W3. Bus fare payments by schoolchildren

From the Bishop of Peterborough Sir. The Government would do justly and wisely to make payment by local education authorities for the transport of schoolchildren from one village to another mandatory. Dozens of village schools have been closed in the past 20 years under the assumption that such transport would be provided free.

If parents are now to be made to pay, then those who live in villages which have no school will incur expense which others, who live in the place where the school is, will not be called upon to make. So, too. will those parents be penalized who opt to send their older children to the nearest Church school, which may be many miles away.

Adamantine rectitude in unvert-

fied economic theory is not the first and great commandment for governments: there are proper poli-tical and moral considerations to make. False antitheses are already being propagated by local authorities that the one choice is between books and children's transport, and between teachers' and children's bus fares. Let the authorities first scrutinize their own administrative superstructures for economies.

Yours truly, 7 DOUGLAS PETRIBURG: House of Lords,

From Lord Ridley James Pawsey. MP, and Mr Roger Moate. MP (February 22), on the question of charges for school transport. They repeat concern expressed by members of the House expressed by members of the House of Commons in the debate on the Education Bill.

The Association of County Councils faced a situation last summer in which it was clear that public expenditure generally would have to be reduced. The association did not believe that any particular local government service could be protected entirely from the consequences of such a decision. At the

to decide whether any further assistance was needed, according to local circumstances. We very much support the Government's amendment which will ensure that where authorities decide to charge ir will be on a flat rate basis. Different communities and different patterns of education have different needs. Local education authorities are responsible to the ratepayers on one hand and the community for whom they provide a service on the other. The proposals in the Bill give them a chance to weigh needs against means and take decisions that reflect the local situation. I hope that Parliament will agree to allow local authorities this additional freedom. Yours, etc, RIDLEY.

with the association's suggestion that the Bill should include a

proposal to protect the interests

of families in the lowest income

groups. Beyond that each authority

would remain free to set a reason

able level of charge, or none, and

Association of County Councils, Eaton House, 66a Eaton Square, SW1.

Monetarism and inflation From Mr Robert Adley, MP for Christchurch and Lymington (Conservative)

Sir, "Britain seen as battle ground for rival economic theories" seems a particularly appropriate heading above the letters today (March 3) from Professor Galbraith and Pro-fessor Lord Kaldor. Permitting myself a wry smile at socialist professors who write from the Riv professors who write from the Ritz Hotel or King's College, Cambridge, I am minded to express the view that Britain is suffering from the attentions of too many foreign economists—be they of Left or

Margaret Thatcher's appeal to the electorate last May was based on her sound commonsense and espousal of simple traditional Conservative philosophy. This appeal has not diminished. Yer unease is expressed in certain quarters at the Government's progress. Perhaps this is because the Government is paying too much attention to political theory and concentrating too little on repeating constantly the common-sense which was the basis of its

election victory. Governments are like trains: they leave the station after the election and gather speed as they travel towards their destination. If they go too fast they may come off the rails. If they ignore the need to communi-

they will rush through stations rather than stopping to collect passengers. Already the station marked "Rhodesia" has been reached under the guidance of Driver Carrington and Fireman Gilmour. The station marked "Better Industrial Relations" is in sight. Driver Prior seeks to ensure that the train neither comes off the rails nor fails to keep in touch with the potential passengers. The Government has two groups of enemies seeking to derail it. The

cate offectively with the electorate,

first are the yapping dogs who stand beside the track hoping to distract the driver. The second are errant flagmen trying to divert the Driver's attention with weird economic theories, when both the home and distant signals—for those who can see them-indicate that the destination can be reached in due course. with steady progress.

The essence of good railway operation combines spead with safety. Too much speed is more

dangerous than too much safety.

Mrs Thatcher might be well advised both to ignore the dogs and to disregard the flagmen and to concentrate on promoting the sound practical politics about that victory last May. Yours etc. ROBERT ADLEY.

House of Commons. March 3.

Badge of courage

From Professor Margaret Gowing, Sir, In The Times of February 19 Dr Divita shows the BBC Spp epi-sode about the battle of Matapan as false. Similar objection must be taken to a film which has been made under the title A Man Called

Intrepid. A substantial part of the film consists of a seriously misleading account of the wartime activities of Niels Bohr, who was not only one of the great physicists, but one of the great human beings of this century. I understand that, inter alia, it shows Bohr sitting in a heavy-water laboratory in occupied Norway doing work of decisive importance for

Germany's atomic bomb project.

The true facts are publicly available: until he escaped to England Bohr remained in occupied Copenhagen protecting with courage and dignity the Jews and other refugees at his great Institute, and refusing any tentative bait held out by Heisenberg, who visited him from The film has already been shown

in Denmark, where Bohr is deservedly a national hero. Lady Peierls, who was visiting Copen-hagen from Britain, was so outraged that, in her seventies, she stood outside the cinema for four December days with a placard protesting at the insult.

I have been unable to discover if and when the film will be released in Britain, in cinemas or on television. Many will hope it will not be shown here, remembering one who was the soul of honour and integrity, who foresan before any-one else the dangers of a postwar nuclear arms race and tried persuade the statesmen to take heed.

Yours faithfully, MARGARET GOWING, History Faculty, Indian Institute,

False criteria From Mr Frank Milner

Sir, Geraldine Norman (report, February 26) adopted a sensational approach in her article on Dr Dreyer's recent reattribution of Titian drawings. Her recurrent use of the terms "forger" and f the terms forger" and forgery and the suggestion that Dr Dreyer has "exposed" this deception distorts and exaggerates the facts.

A forgery involves a deliberate attempt to deceive. As a corollary ir often includes an attempt to dishonestly obtain money by passing off the fake as the original object. The recent fake Samuel Palmer water-colours provide a well documented example of such practice.

A copy is not a forgery, whether executed by studio assistants, students or by students of subsequent generations. Neither is a copy taken from an original woodblock and worked up into a fuller study. It would only be possible to suggest such a work as a forgery if the intention of the copier was to pass the work off as by Titian, and possibly to sell it on the open mar-ker as a Titian original. The group of studies whose authenticity is now in question, would have had no commercial value at the time that Dr Drever suggests that they were produced.

The taste for preparatory studies is a comparatively modern one and the high prices that such works command reflects our enthusiasm for such drawings. That we have been deceived into thinking that a group of drawings were by Timan and that this has now been shown to be untrue does not require that a crime has been committed or that a villain must be found. Whatever the intentions of the original copier they cannot have been to gain financially.

Hysterical press reaction to the

Broad Street, Oxford. reattribution of paintings and draw-

ings is becoming tedious. The recent reattribution of a number of Con-stable oil studies at the Tate caused the air to be full of cries of fake and forger and in some cases also that of fool. Throughout the world, art historians go about their daily business of continually testing attributions in the light of fresh knowledge. This century has seen an extensive weeding out of works at one time

thought to be by major artists. The predominant tendency is to downgrade rather than to upgrade a work. For example, since 1900 several hundred so-called Rembrandts have been reattributed. In spite of the recent evidence about Bernard Berenson's occasional tendency to be generous in some of his attributions, the majority of art historians play devil's advocate and prefer the painting to prove its pedigree rather than to readily claim it as by a specific artist.

Their professional caution in dealing with their subject matter might well be emulated by your own correspondent. Yours faithfully, FRANK MILNER,

Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street, Liverpool.

STEPHEN CORRIN.

10 Russell Gardens, NW11.

The price of democracy

From Mr Stephen Corrin Sir, Mr Jimmy Reid's piece on Democracy (March 3) is unex-ceptional as far as it goes. But, oddly, it does not mention the right to work and it provokes the question whether there is such a thing as a right to rejuse to be persuaded not to work. Yours sincerely.

good friend Ian Wallace (March 4)

music services From the General Secretary of the Musicians' Union Sir, The innate kindliness of

Cuts in the BBC's

given the freedom to decide has, I fear, hured him into a false analysis of the relationship between whether or not to levy charges for services such as school transport and school meals. The Government's the BBC and British musicians. The simple facts are these. The expenditure plans include an assumption that money will be BBC needs an enormous amount of music of all types for its services. Much of this music, both of necessity and because of the Conporations obligations in the matter of foreign content, is produced by British musicians. The present BBC management finds it all rather troublesome to have the responsibility of employing people to produce this essential element in its programmes and would prefer to rely upon others. BBC needs an enormous amount of saved on meals and transport. If it is not saved on those services then it is likely to have to be found from other areas of spending and in particular, so far as education is concerned, from spending on jobs in schools and allowances for The proposals in the Bill do not "abolish free transport"; neither do they oblige authorities to set notably the commercial record charges at a particular level. The Government has however agreed industry—to bear its responsibilities. The British music profession has be intention of letting it do so.

Yours sincerely. IOHN MORTON. General Secretary. Musicians' Union, 60-62 Clapitam Road, SW9...

From Sir Adrian Boult, CH, and others

Sir, We are appalled to hear that the BBCSSO is to be axed. That sich a solution to the BBC's financial problems could be entertained even problems could be entertained even momentarily, in a sure indication that the fundamental importance of this orchestra to Scotland has even after 45 years not been understood. The BBCSSO has built an envisible international reputation for arrest international reputation for excel lence and adventurous programs networked over Radio 3: it from being a purely local organion. Most leading conductors soloists have worked with the orchestra; several well knows con-ductors learnt their art here. The orchestra has attracted outsize players, some of whom have left to further careers but many of whom have stayed to enhance the orthe-stra's life and reputation. The orchestra has for long been a uniqual training ground for advanced student players (this is a special feature of Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama training) and many members of the orchestra are also part-time teachers at the Ace-demy, which is the only institution of its kind in the whole of Scotland. Because of the resurgence of Scoptish musical life in the past pro-decades, a development in minical the BECSSO took a leading role, Scottish musicians (for the first time in the country's history) on now enjoy a complete musical training in their own country with a chance of finding a job afterwards in Scotland. This cultural miracle is perhaps the greatest Scottists achievement of recent times the whole structure is imperialed by the removal of one of the main pallers. The musical potential within Scathas only begun to be tapped : this long-term prospect must not be sacrificed to short-terms expediency.

Scottish composers, and others from abroad, have often received their first public hearing through the BBCSSO. Being largely free of to inhibit programme planning by some other orchestres, the EBCSSO has always been in the forefront of musical pioneering, Scotland has only two symphony orchestres (Lon-don has five), each with a distincdon has five, each with a distributive role, style and repertory. They are not, nor should they be, istanchangeable. Mosic is said by some to be a "minority interest": but by what standards, and what we the implications of applying crude statistical measurements to anything as subtle and important as the spirit or soul of a nation?

In short, this orchestra is a fundamental part of the fabric of Scotland. Remove it and the full consequences are certain to be very far reaching, and irreversible. ADRIAN C. BOULT, PETER PEARS. IOHN CURRIE. ANDREW DAVIS. LEONARD FRIEDMAN. CHRISTOPHER GOUGH, LEONARD HANCOCK. KENNETH LEIGHTON, DAVID LUMSDEN, FREDERICK REMMER. ADRIAN SHEPHERD, RODERICK BRYDON, K. A. RICKENBACHER, The Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, St George's Place, Glasgow.

From the Managing Director of Capital Radio Sir, Robert Ponsonby (letter, March 6) has his sums wrong. He says that if his proposals go through the EEC will be left with three symphonic and three light orchestras " which is six more than the number employed by our increasingly profitable competitors in commercial radio and

TV ...*. Not six, sir, five. He has forgotten Capital Radio's Wren Orchestra which in the past year has given 29 recorded concerts and another 18 in our Music On Your Doorstep series around Londou.

Yours faithfully, JOHN WHITNEY. Managing Director, Capital Radio Limited. Euston Tower, NW1. March 6.

Not so stuck-up

From Mr C. R. Gee Sir. As a civil servant in a large Government department, one of my

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colleagues asked me the other da; for some red rape (for a label making machine). It may surprise and delight your readers, in this age of the vilification of civil servants, to learn that

we hadn't got any. I remain, Sir, your humble and obedient servant or something, C. R. GEE, 25A Havelock Road, Addiscombe, Croydon, Surrey.



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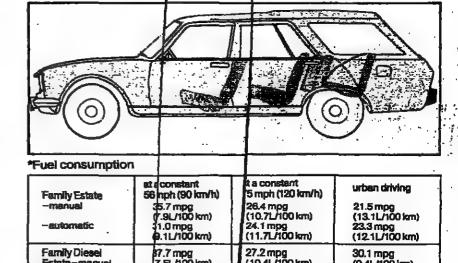
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Piotzajski and Mrs Julia Piotzajska, of Warsaw, Poland.

Belton, of Hoadly Road, Strea-tham, London, SW16.



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EUCKINGHAM PALACE March 6 Mr J. H. Weir was received in audience by The Queen this marches and bissed hands upon his appealantent as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentisty for New Zealand at Rome.

Mrs. Weir had the bionour of being received by The Queen.

His Excellency Sephon Issue

His Excellency Senhor Joao Carlos Lopes Cardoso de Freiras Cruz was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentary from the Republic of Portugal to the Court of St James's.

of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embases who had the honour of heing presented to The Queen: Senhor Fedry Alves Machado (Minaster Counsellor). Colonel. Manuel Maia Gongalvas (Ashinary and Als Attaché). Captain Joao Sonsa Campos (Naval Attaché). Senhor José Maria Shearman de Macedo. (Counsellor). Senhor captain Anthony Leguish was in attendance.

The Prince of Wes strended the Lorin Mazzel 5th Birthday Concert in aid of the Beetboven Fund for Deaf Chiltren at the Royal Festival Hall its evening.

Mr Oliver Evere was in attendance. Senhor jose Maria Shearman de Macedo (Counsellor), Senhor Manuel Caldas Paris (Counsellor), Senhor Rui Aleixo (Second Secretary and Senhor Eugenio Lisbon (Cultural Counsellor)).

Senhora de Freitas Cruz had the honour of being received by Her Maiesty.

Majesty
Sir Donald Maitland (Deputy to
the Permanent Under Secretary of
Scate for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the
honour of being received by The
Queen, was present and the
Gentlemen of the Household in
Waiting were in attendance.

Mr D. R. H. Date was received in andience by Her Majesty and kissed hands upon his appointment as Governor of Montserrat.

Mrs Date had the bonour of being received by The Queen. Sir John Mason was received in audience by Her Majesty upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to Australia:

Air Force anniversary oncert in aid of the Royal Air Forc Benevo-ient Fund at the Festral Hall, London, on March 28. Lady Mason had the honour of being received by The Queen. The Queen this evening attended. The Duke of Kent his agreed a Service to commemorate the to become patron of the London 250th Anniversary of the death of Philharmonic Orchestra.

Latest appointments

Dr Eichard Hoggart has been ap-pointed vice-chairman of the Arts Council. The following have be-come chairmen of advisory panels: Miss Marghanitz Lasid, drama; Mr Noël Goodwin, dance; Mr David Sylvester, art; Mr John Manduell music.

Manduell, music.
Other appointments include:
Mr Ronald Allison, former press
secretary to the Queen; to be controller of sport and outside broadcasts, Thames Television, in succession to the late Mr Saut Leitch.

Sir Kingsley Collett, 74; Mr. J. O. Hambro, 61; Sir Anthony Lambett, 69; Mr. Justice Latey, 56; Sir Anthony Rumbold, 53; Sir Anthony Rumbold, 53; Sir David Montagu Douglas Scott, 93; the Earl of Snowdon, 50; Lord Southborough, 83; Dame Margaret Weston, 54

Birthdays today

Marriages

Dr E. R. Beck and Miss P. M. Bretherton The marriage took place t Wood Green, London, on Friday, February 29, between it Eric Beck, son of Dr and Mrs.. Beck, of 24 Cyprus Gardens, .oudon, Ms. and Miss Pamela Brobeton, daughter of Mr and Mr L. F. Bresherton, of Brookfield, Broomhail, Worcester.

The Lady Suzz Hussey, the Right Hon Sir Phip Moore and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart

Trustee, this morning attended a Trustees' Meeting a the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

. Major Justin Fawick was in

His Royal Highnes was present this evening at a locktail Party given by the Britisl Industry 1500 Club, in aid of the 1830 Americas

Cup Challenge, at the Mansion

Lord Rupert News was to atten-

Captain Anthony Asquiffe was

THATCHED - HOUSE LODGE, March 6: Princess Alexandra was represented by Miss Mona Mitchell at the Memorial errice for Sir Cecil Beaton which was held at the Church of St Matin-in-the-fields today.

The Prince of Wales all open

a conference on Jordanan arch-

aeology on March 25, and will

also attend the enthropment of

the Archbishop of Canerbury.

Princess Anne will atten a Royal

Wilson were in attndance.

The Duke of Einburgh,

Mr D. A. C. Marr and Miss D. J. Abraham The marriage took place cietly in Landon on Thursday, Mrch 6, 1980, between Mr Dogal Marr and Miss Delia Abraham.

Memorial services Str Cecil Beaton

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Southborough, 50; Lord
Southborough, 53; Dame Margaret
Weston, 54.

Ogloy, was represented by Miss
Mona Mitchell at a menorial
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Mr N. N. Blake and Miss J. D. Terrill The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs P. W. R. Blake, of South Wootton, Norfolk, and Jennifer, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. F. K. Terrill of Mijas, Spain.

Dr R. P. Prys-Jones and Miss M. S. Maxwell The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place shortly between Robert Parton, elder son of Dr and Mrs T. B. Prys. Jones, of Bodhaulog, St. Asaph, Clwyd, and Marilyn Stewart, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W. S. Maxwell of 20 Montbeller Park. Edinburgh.

The Prince of Wales, President, the Commolwealth Youth Exchange Countil received the Chairman (Mr Ala Raselhurst, MP) and the Exective Secretary (Mr Roderick Gray at Buckingham Palace today. and Miss J. K. Ross
The marriage of Stewart, younger son of the late Mr Robin Vetch and Mrs Michael Skinner, of Molo. Kenya, and June, eldert daughter of Mr and Mrs Finn Ross, of Sheldon Depon will take place in His Royal Highnes this after-noon opened the rew District Headquarters: Polle Station, Croydon, Greater Indon. don, Devon, will take place in London on June 7, 1980.

> Luncheons Institution of Water Engineers and Scientists The Council of the Institution of Water Engineers and Scientists entertained representatives of government departments, professional in-

> stitutions and other organizations connected with the water industry at a luncheon at the Grosvenor House yesterday.
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> Mr K. F. Roberts, president, was in the chair and Mr Tom King, Minister for Local Government and Environmental Services, was the

Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators and the Royal Army Pay Corps At a ceremony held yesterday at the Duke of York's Headquarters. the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsen, letters of association were formally signed by the Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators and the Royal Army Pay Corps. The company them entertained the corps at luncheon. The speakers were the Master, Mrs. J. S. Eley, the Colonel Commandant, Major-General K. Saunders, and the Paymaster in Chief, Major-General O. J. Kinaban.

Butchert' Company
Mr Robert Cornell, Master of the
Butchert' Company, presided at a
court meeting held yesterday when
the Fligh Commissioner for New
Zealand was admitted to the company as an honocary freeman. The
High Commissioner and other
New Zealand officials afterwards
lunched with liverymen.

Dimmers HM Government The Hon Adam Butler, Minister of State Department of Industry, was host at a dinner held last inght at Lancaster House in

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The marriage will take place at Holy Cross, Bearsted, on April 9, 1980, between John, son of Judge and Mrs Alcantara, of Gibraltar, and Lynda, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Hardle, of Hilltop Cottage, Ashford Road, Ecarsted.

The engagement is announced between Brian, elder and of the late Mr Sidney Barnard and of Mrs Irehe Barnard, of Barton Court, Jeffreys Road, London, SW4, and Marion Ross, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward. Mr K. M. Davis and Miss R. C. Pease The engagement is announced between Martin, elder son of Mr and Mrs G. K. Davis, of Carlisle, Mr P. J. Finan and Miss D. R. Timbs The engagement is announced and Roberts Clairs, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. J. C. Pease, of Camberley, Surrey, and larely of the British Embassy, Moscow between Paul John, son of Mrs Elizabeth Finan and the late Mr James Finan, of Bebington, Witral, and Diana Rosalind, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. A. Timbs, of Twy-Moscow.

Mr R. K. MicClintock and Marchesa Patricia Campus-Santinelli Mr D. Hoghes and Miss A.-M. Piper The engagement is announced between Dorran Hughes and Anne-Maric Piper.

Campus-Santinelli
The engagement is announced and the marriage will abortly take place between Robert, son of Major E. McClintock, Newtown Stewart, co Tyrone, Northern Ireland, and the late Mrs McClintock, and Patricia, daughter of the late Marchese Campus-Santinelli, of Sassari, Sardinla, and Mrs Geoffrey Lilley, of 56 Eaton Place, SWI. Mr T. F. Tredgian

and Miss H. S. A. Stere The engagement is announced between Thomas Francis, only son of Group Captain T. P. F. Trudgian, of Poughill, Cornwall, and Mrs N. M. Trudgian, of Sticker, Cornwall, and Helen Sonwa-Anne, younger daughter of Commander and Mrs H. Stern of Glapthorn, Peterborough. Peterborongh.

Society of Industrial Artists and

The annual Minerva dinner of the

Society of Industrial Artists and Designers was held last night at Apothecaries' Hall. The principal

Apottecertes that. The principal speakers were Sir Claus Moser and Baroness Seear. The guests were received by Mr George Freeman, president, and Mrs Freeman.

The Paviors' Company held a livery dinner at Clothworkers'

Hall yesterday after the installa-tion of Mr Donald F. Rees as alaster, Mr W. A. Shapland as

Upper Warden and Mr J. M. Burt as Renter Warden. The toast of

the guests was proposed by Mr P. H. L. Yonge and replied to by Mr Michael Grylls, MP. The

toast of the company and the Master was proposed by Mr D. V.

Gautter, Director-General of the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, to which the Master

Designera

Paviors' Company

The engagement is announced between Anthony Guy, elder son of Captain and Mrs E. V. Sperrin, of Leigh, Surrey, and Gail Lorda, elder daughter of Captain and Mrs M. A. Kyle, of Charlwood, Sucrey. Surrey. Pereign Affairs Club Mr E. C. Anyaoku, deputy Secretary-General of the Commonhonour of an investment study mission sponsored by the Japanese Government. Admiralty Board
The Admiralty Board entertained
Read-Admiral C. O. Herlotson,
Inspector General, Norwegian
Naty, and Mrs Herlotson at dioner
at Admiralty House, Whitehall
last night, The Parliamentacy
Under Secretary of State for
Defence for the Royal Navy, Mr
Keith Speed, presided, accompanied by Mrs Speed, and those
present were:

Secretary-General of the Common-wealth, was the guest of honour at a Foreign Affairs Club dinner beld last night at the Waldorf Botel. Mr Peter Shore, MP, chairman of the club, presided. Other guests included;
The Ambassadars of The Netherlands, Belgium and Dennark, the High Commissioner for Maurithus and Lady Tespock, the Eart of Kinhortes, Land Greenhill of Harrow, Mr and Mrs Kelth Butch. Professor & S. Munshid Mr Otor Skogsind. Mr Franz Joseph Goldschmitt. Mr Mauritan Melant, Mr Evan Charlton, Mr Honry Keswick. Mr Hugh Corbet. Mr Pohert wood, Mr W. J. Singleton, Mr J. Rogors, Malor M. W. Partsh, Mr Harold Goref and Mr Adrian Hawitt. paned by Airs Speed, and Mos-present were:

The Norwegian Ambasador and Airs Jacobson, Commodore and Mra Biarna Eta: Admiral Sir Henry and Lady Leach, Sir Arthur Hockaday, Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi, Admiral Sir Anthony Morton, Vice-Admiral and Mrs W. T. Pillar, Lieutenant-General J. C. C., Richards, RM, and Mrs Richards, and the Flag Lieutenant to the Admirally World.

Receptions

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher were hosts at a reception beld yesterday evening at 10 Down-ing Street in honour of entrepre-

Viscount Monckton of Brenchley Viscount Monckton of Brenchley gave a reception last right at the House of Lords for Miss Gloria Vanderbilt. Among the guests Value Date Famous and Stourion, Lord and Lady Mewbray and Stourion, Lord and Lady Ampthill, Mr and Mrs Mr. B. Martan, Mr and Mrs Marran Hirsh, Nr Joe Pisher and Mrs Elen Fisher, Mr and Mrs R. C. Thornton, Mr Dan Feld, Miss Zandra Shodes, Miss Thea Porter, Miss Elsine Scritch, Miss Joan Collins, Nr R. Slaway, Mr and Mrs C. Evans, Mr and Mrs D. Murpay and Mr and Mrs A. Cohes.

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Sir Patrick and Lady Reilly and
M and Mme Gilbert Géas were
the hosts at a reception given
yesterday at the Goldsmiths' Hall
in honour of M and Mme Jacques
Calvet, Lord and Lady Hum of
Tanworth and M and Mme Michel
Berger. Guests included:
The French Ambassador and Mme Jean
Banuagnarques. Mr Edward Heath, MP
Mr and Mra Gordon Richardson and
M and Mme Pierre Ledoux. Ranque Nationale de Paris Ltd.

mountainous landscape sold for 300,000 francs (estimate 80,000) or 532,000; it went to a Swiss buyer. In an Ader sale a set of four late Louis XV Aubusson apentries, woven with pastoral acenes, sold for 197,000 francs (estimate 200,000) or 521,000. The previous day had see an elaborately iniaid late seventeenth century cabinet fetch 150,000 francs (estimate 80,000-150,000) or \$16,000 in a Le Blanc sale.

Fine continental furniture at

Fine continental furniture at Christie's yesterday could not quite match this but a fine German parquetry bombé commode dating from the mid-eighreeuth century went to a private collector at f.13,000 (estimate f7,000-f10,000). The sale totalled f.178,250, with 8 per cent unsold. Christie's South Kensington yesterday had for sale a group of equipment used in the early days of British Movietone News Ltd. The camera used by their leading cameraman, Paul Wyand, to cover the last was both at home and abroad sold for f.1,300 (estimate f200-f400) to Mr S. Saroche, a collector of cine equipment. It is a 35 mm cine camera manu-

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life of Mr Petrick Waldron
Cobham Griffith was held on
Wednesday, March 5, at the
Church of St Lawrence Jewrynext-Guidhall. The Bishop of
Penrith officiated. The lesson was
read by Sir Barrie Heath and
an address was given by Commodors B. G. Young, RN. Among
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merel at £2,000-£3,000 and the sale, which included a large group of works by Tasker seems to bare succeeded in putting this little-known arist on the map.

Last artumn Bonham's sold another racing picture by Tasker, a portrait of the racehorse Millipedt for a then record of £6.500. They were telephoned in consequence by a descendant of the artist and a group of 20 drawings and natintings was consigned to

artist and a group of 20 drawings and paintings was consigned to them. Tasker was a modest artist concentrating on topographical views and sporti ingpictures: he had one great patron in Robert Grosvenor, first Marquess of Westminster, and there are many of his paintings at Eaton Hall, the Grosvenor home. The watercolours yesterday were averaging 2200-2400.

Bonham's also sold a painting

Bouham's also sold a painting of "Jacob sheep in an extensive landscape" by James War to Lady Throgmorton at 23,500 (estimate 23,000-55,000): the unusual, spotty jacob sheep attracted the attention of many mutton comoisseurs. A vast painting of a horse auction, "Lot 97, and the street of the street of the attention of many mutton comoisseurs. A vast painting of a horse auction, "Lot 97, and the street of mutton composseurs. A vast painting of a horse auction, "Lot 97, A Grey Mare" axhibited at the Royal Academy in 1903 by William Frank Calderon made an auction record price for the artist at 27,500 (estimate 53,000-55,000). The sale of paintings made a total of 201,700 with 8 per cent ausold.

> Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge The Queen, Patron of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, unveiled a memorial plaque during a service held to mark the 250th anniversary of the death of the Rev Thomas Bray, founder of the society and of the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, vesterday at St Botolph-without-Aldgate. Canon G. V. Bempett and the Rev Malcolm

a 35 mm cine equipment. It is as 35 mm cine camera manufactured by J. M. Wall of Syracuse, New York. A second Wall camera went to Mr P. H. van Hasbroek at 51,100 (estimate 2200-2300). The sale of photographic equipment made 225,387 with 9 per cent unsold. Johnson took part in the service.

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The apparent predominance of kerogen in red asteroids suggests

a new reason why they are found only in the outer reaches of the

asteroid belt. Kerogen substances

require a lower temperature for their tormanion and preservation than do the more complex

minerals normally found in asteroids and meteorites, and the

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ately low in the outer Solar

colour of some asseroids has some imeresting implications for

The new explanation for the red

Science report Astronomy: Explaining red asteroids the soluble compounds from ordinary coal far. Together with various wavelengths gives clues to the chemical composition of an some clays, magnetic from ore and carbon black. a form of pure carbon, they seem to be all that is required to make up a red

For the first time scientists seem to have an explanation for the esteroid's surface. So far the evidence of such existence of a peculiar class of reddish-coloured asteroids. analysis suggests that most asteroids are very similar in composition to a particular type of Orbiting the Sun in the asteroid belt, between the inner stony planets and the outer gaseous planets, asteroids are 100 small meterrize known as a carbona-ceous choudrite, consisting chiefly of compounds rich in carbon and and distant for easy investigation. of silicate clay minerals. From But leboratory experiments in America have provided an explana-tion for the red colour. afar such asteroids appear to be grey bodies, reflecting little light. But there are also the asteroids Asteroids are believed to form of a very striking reddish appear-ance, and they are dominant in the outer reaches of the asteroid belt. when they particles of matter col-lide and stick together, gradually lide and stick together, gradually building up into lumps of rock-like material. They remain small, usually just a few kilometers in diameter, because the more hard-hitting collisions tend to break off material as well as roughening up the surface of a growing asteroid. Nevertheless, asteroids can be seen through very powerful telescopes, and variations in the amount of light reflected from them as they rotate provides clues to their shape and composition. Scientists interpret small changes in the reflected light in terms of the overall shape of an asteroid and the irregularities on its Their existence has been interpresed as evidence that the temperature was low when clouds of gases condensed to form the

early solar nebula which became our galaxy.

Dr. J. Gradie and Dr. J.

Ververka, of Cornell University in

Inhaca, New York State, have been investigating the composition of the red asteroids by an indirect route. They have been trying to make material that reflects light in a pattern resembling that of the red asteroids.

After many trials they succeeded with a mixture consisting chiefly

of kerogen substances. Those are

astronomers. In the outer regions of the Solar System, beyond the orbit of Jupiter, any rocky material such as meteorites or even comets would be expected to be of similarly primitive type. It remains to be seen whether that

turns out to be true. Source Nature, February 28 (283, page 840), 1980. Nature-Times News Service, **OBITUARY**

MR J. E. RAVEN Classicist and botanist

Mr John Earle Raven, Fellow great personal charm and a of King's College, Cambridge, wide circle of friends. He had who died on March 5 at the age been married in 1954 to Faith of 65. was a classicist by pro-fession, specialising in ancient philosophy, but distinguished also as a natural historian. His camb as a natural history and interest of the garden. They were also very hospitable, but there state which the Rey and at Ardtornish, the Argylshire estate which the Argylshire estate which the Argylshire estate which the Argylshire and the Argylshire estate. botanist, an expert on the diffi-cult genus of hawkweeds, with a remarkable knowledge of the

exact labitats of every British flowering plant. With his father he illustrated the British flora exquisitely in watercolour.

He was born on December 13, 1914 and won a scholarship from Marlborough to Trinity College, Cambridge. In addition to getting a First in both parts of the Classical Tripos he won a Major University Scholarship. As a conscientious objector during the War he did social work with boys in the East End of London and after exercise.

ing to be a classical Fellow of Trinity or accepting a post at Kew Gardens with high pros-pects. He chose the Fellowship, and for two decades was one of the best lecturers in his faculty, especially good at making Greek philosophy intelligible Greek philosophy intelligible and interesting to novices. His Trinity Fellowship was of a limited tenure, and in 1948 he migrated to King's, where there was a vacancy on the teaching staff. There he soon became integrated with his new college, and as law Dean made such a and as lay Dean made such a good impression that he was appointed in 1956 to the office of Senior Tutor, a key position which he held benignly for seven years, wise in counsel and compressions to with the property with the prope compassionate with people in trouble.

Striking in appearance, with entity his blend of dark, gaunt good large looks with geniality, he had ence.

been married in 1954 to Faith Hugh Smith, and they made their home at Dockwra's Manor, a charming old house at Shep-reth, some ten miles from came down through Faith's parents, where John enjoyed playing the role of laird. They had three daughters and two

Meanwhile he had made a Meanwhile he had made a reputation as a classical philosopher. His Pythagorcans and Eleatics (1948) was prelude to a standard work, The Presocratic Philosophy (1957), in which he collaborated with G. S. Kick. But simultaneously he was collaborating with S. M. Walters in an attractive volume on Mountain Flowers, contrion Mountain Flowers, contriwork with boys in the East End of London and, after evacuation, in Walea.

When it was over he was faced with the choice of returning to he a clemical Fellow of Corden (1971) Garden (1971).

By now he was perhaps feeling that he had received less than his due of recognition as a classicist; and a nervous constitution contributed to a serious deterioration in his health. Anyway, he resigned his university and college lectureships early and devoted himself more to his botanical interests (he was increasingly interests (he was increasingly employed as a consultant ou gardens). His spirits were how ever greatly revived by the invitation from the Classical Faculty to deliver the J. H. Gray Memorial Lectures in 1976. He chose as his subject "Plants and Plant Lore in Ancient Greece", and the four lectures which perhaps he alone could have given were enthusiastically received by a large and undiminishing audience.

before coming south again to

MR TONY FIRTH getic years there, very much at the centre of Scottish affairs, both political and cultural,

A correspondent writes: Tony Firth died suddenly on February 14 at the early age of 42. Already his career in television and as a writer was a full and successful one, and his abilities gave hope of much more to come than had already been achieved. been schieved. After school in Hampshire,

he spent two years in the Royal Air Force, went up to Trinity College, Cambridge, with a State Scholarship, won a Major Scholarship in his second year, became President of the Union in his third year, and wrote regularly for Varsity.

He went into television, first, Associated Television, receiving the Shell International Award in 1968 for his programme on in 1968 for his programme on industrial take-overs, Big Fish Little Fish. The same year he won an Eisenhower Fellowship. His entertaining novel, Tall, Balding, Thirty-live, was published in 1966. His very best work perhaps was the TV documentary The Tigers are Burning, focussing on a then neglected turning point of the Second World War, the great tank battle at Kursk on the tank battle at Kursk on the Russian front.

In 1969 he became Controller In 1969 he became Controller will be sadly missed by a wide of Programmes for Scottish circle of friends, by his wife Television, spending six ener. Gay and by their two children.

LORD WILSON OF HIGH WRAY

A.H. writes: Your obituary of Paul Wilson quoting his modest Who's Who entry: "Served War of 1939-45 entry: "Served War or 1999-19 mainly at see in capital ships " deserves some expansion, An RNVR Engineer Officer in capital ships from 1939 to 1942 led to his promotion in 1943 to Lieutenant Commander RN, appointed Senior Engineer of the new cruiser, Black Prince, completing at Harland and Wolfs in Belfast.

A first meeting there with the Torpedo Officer over a glass of milk led to a 37-year friendship, often stimulated by alco-hol but never again malk.
When the war ended on August 17, 1945, Black Prince had steamed 100,000 miles in

had steamed 100,000 miles in 22 months, her operations rang-ing from a Murmansk convoy in mid-winter to the air strikes in the Tropics with the British Pacific Fleet against Japan. There had also been a night action off Brittary, bombard-ments at H-Hour off Normandy and the South of France and and the South of France, and the liberation of Athens through Aegean minefields. 150 miles a day for almost two years, at high speed in all weathers with-

JAY SILVERHEELS

Jay Silverheels, a Mohawk Indian who played the faithful Indian who played the fathers from in The Lone Ranger television series, died in hospital in Los Angeles on March 5 at the age of 50. He had appeared in many other films, including True Griz, Broken Arrow and One Little Indian. Clayton Moore, who played "The Lone Ranger", visited him in hospital a week

Today's engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh goes to Merseyside to open new factory of A.S.R. Servotron, 10.10; visits Leasone Recreation Centre,

11.30; visits Littlewoods, 12.30; as president of National Playing Fields Association visits adventure playgrounds, Garston, 3; visits Ford Motor Company.

Erbibitions: The Vikings, British Museum, 10—5; Swiss tapestries, Artists of Today, Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester, 10—5; Mary Fedden, New Grafton Gallery, 42 Old Bond Street, 10—6; Drawing of San Lorenzo (facsimile photographs) Rargate Museum, Southampton, 11—5.

Spring flower Show, Royal Cale-donian Horticultural Society,

out a serious defect, constitutes a feat of endurance, both by men and machinery, for which Paul-head of the department and seldom out of his boiler

These were some of the qualities which he took with him from Cambridge, through

his subsequent career. They

their success.

suit-well and truly earned the Home in Kendal making pumps, valves and water tur-bines, he became an authority on water, contributing articles on its history and supply to technical and professional journals. Exceptionally he wrote a lighter yet informative piece

for a wine magazine, which I edited. It began, "Even the Archbishop of Canterbury is ninety per cent water".
In a last letter to The Times (Business Letters, November 30, 1979) though fatally ill and 30, 1979) though fatally ill and unable to attend a House of Lords debate on "Deterioration of the use of the English Language", he deplored, with similar humour, the lack of good clear English in manufacturers' instructions and sales literature. It is sad that this Life Peer of 1976, who had endured five of 1976, who had endured five

able stoicism, should not have survived to illuminate public life a little longer. Professor Thomas Leonard Ibbs, MC, DSc, Finst P, has died at Swatford-on-Avon, aged 50.

major operations with unbeliev-

He joined Birmingham University in 1919 after distinguished service in the First World War, when he was awarded the MC and Bar. He became Lecturer in Physics and Admissions Tutor for the Faculty of Science, and in 1955 was appointed to a personal Chair in the Department of Physics.

Meadwobank Sports Centre,

Talks: Locusts, British Museum (Natural History), 3; Wreck of the Almirante. Peter Earle, Burgh House, New End Square, Hampstead, 8: Juan Gris. Jennifer Stern, Tate Gallery, 1; Piero di Cosimo, Audrey Tyndall, Natural Callery, 1

Lanchtime music: organ. Paul Kenyon, St Paul's Cathedral, 12,30; Yehuda Kenar, cello, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, 1.10; Singers' Work-shop, St Mary Woolnoth, 1.10; Organ, Sue Faccor St Marie

organ, Sue Farrow, St Martin-within-Ludgate.

rence Jewry next Guildhall, noon: Sir Philip Morris, Bristol Cathedral, 2009.

Memorial services: General Sir Norman Tailyour, RM, St Law-

National Gallery, I;

Edinburgh, 10.

PROF J. A. **GALLAGHER** Historian of Navy and Empire

Professor John Andrew Gallagher, FBA, Vere Harms-worth Professor of Imperial and Naval History in the University of Cambridge and Vice-Master of Trinity College, digd in the College on March 5. He

He was born on April 1, 1919, the only child of Joseph and Adeline Gallagher. From Birkenhead Institute, he won a Major Open Scholarship in History to Trigity in 1936. At the outbreak of the war be colisted in the Royal Tank Regiment and saw service in North Africa, Italy and Greece, He returned to Cambridge to complete his studies, winning a Prize Fellowship at Trinity in the annual competition of 1948 with a dissertation on The British Penetration of West Africa. He taught history in the University and the College, becoming Dean of Trinity in 1960. In 1963 he was elected Beit Professor of the History of the British Commonwealth in the University of Oxford and the University of Oxford and he returned home to Trinity to take up the University Chair of Imperial and Naval History. In 1972 he was elected Vice-Master of Trinity, a position he held until his death.

In 1973 he delivered the Ford Lectures in Oxford on the de-cline and fall of the British Empire; and in 1974 the Wiles Lectures at Belfast. His in-terests as an historian of imperialism lay first in Africa and later in India. To the modern understanding of the nature and operation of imperialism and colonial nationalism in both these areas, his contribution was both seminal and re-volutionary. His impact on the subject was through the quality not the quantity of his writings. He liked working in collabora-tion, earlier on Africa, with Ronald Robinson, his successor in the Chair at Oxford, and later on India with Anil Seal

write more, travelling extensively and making several series for television. The high-light, probably, of this period was the production in 1975, at Never unduly deferential to authority, Jack Gallagher was always open to the young, whether their problems were intellectual or personal. His conversation, with its lambent wit and its effortless allusions to a semaskable wide range of the Theatre Royal in Bristol, of his play Le Weakend, a remarkably polished beginning on to a remarkably wide range of fact and fiction, was an educa-tion and a delight in itself. It would be difficult to exaggerate the stage.
This record of versatility and achievement does not, however, isolate what was so special, so exceptional. He was, I think, the formative effect that facility for perceptive analysis and his capacity to present old the most brilliant man I have ever met. One felt this at once. matters in a new light had on students and colleagues alike for thirty years. His inform-ality of manner may earlier In the first place one experienced his extraordinary quick-ness with words, in conversa-tion and in repartee. This have made him seem unreliable facility with words reflected an to the academic, as opposed to the intellectual, elite, but his astonishing quickness of wit, deep concern for the personal itself the token of a formidable intelligence. The very spon-taneity of his speeches was innate conservatism which later remarkable: I could never made him, always a moderating detect any evidence that be influence, a staunch pillar of college society.

A marvellous friend, a grand prepared them at all-except

companion, and a brave but essentially lonely man, lack Gallagher gave unstintingly of himself both to his subject and to his friends. Of many people that felt his per-sonal influence, many must have been astonished prodigal openness, but only the lew who were admitted to his close friendship can realise what this cost bim.

MR GERALD PAGET

Mr Gerald Paget, who died on February 26 at the age of 95, was one of the most remarkable genealogists of his time. The most modest and unwordly of men, he was largely unknown except to a small circle of friends. He never sought the limelight and unlike G. W. Watson and J. H. Round, both of whom he knew as a young man, little of his work was published Instead for more than 77 years he worked on many self-imposed tasks, not least of which were the 22 volumes of his "Genealogies of European Families from Charle-magne to the Present Day (1937)" which be presented with his other manuscript works to the British Library. Indeed, he looked upon the Reading Room of the British Museum as his spiritual bome and became its oldest reader having held a ticket for 74 years which he continued to use until five months before his death. During the First World War Gerald Pager was an officer in

the Benbow Bartalion of the Royal Naval Division and was badly wounded at Gallipoli. But it is for his study of the ancestry of the Prince of Wales that he will be best remem-bered. Published in the creating of his life, it will long ensure his place with Watson & Round, Vicary Gibbs, J. J. Howard and the Marquess of Ruviany as one of the greatest British genealsgists of this ceptury.

25 years ago Restoring St Paul's

From The Times of Tuesda", March 8, 1955

There are many Londoners and

others now scattered up and down the world who will remember till their dying day that grim, dramant night in the mid-winter of 1940 when the dome of St Paul's loomed bravely undefeated at intervels that seemed hours long through the dark, rolling clouds of smoke. The cathedral stood unbowed in the morning light but not un-shartered and, until it is com-pletely itself again, no one whose conscience is quick can walk up Ludgate Hill with a light heart. Today the Dean of St Faul's is able to give on this page the good news that the first objective in

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Mrs Elsa Gladys Blanche Roberts, of Southampton, left £154,712 net. After smaller bequests she left the residue equally between the Don-key Sanctuary, Woodley, Animal Health Trust, Home of Rest for Horses, Boreham Wood, Blue Cross, Harses and Ponics Protec-

Southampton and district branches of the RSPCA and PDSA.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Hughes, Mr Reginald George, of St John's Wood, London 1138,933

Larke, Mr Arthur Clifford, of Windsor 182,934

Mackintosh, Mr Cavil, of Leigh, on the which the cathedal cannot he Other estates include (net, before Mackintosh, Mr Cyril, of Leich, out which the cathedral cannot be Surrey, intestate . . . £211,576 | fittingly maintained over the years Surrey, intestate ...



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point of Belgium, France and Germany, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, despite the vestigial Ruri tanian trappings of one of Europe's last princeling states, has not only developed a viable modern economy but has also maintained a genuine sense of nationhood where other micro-states, from Monaco to San Marino, resemble nothing so much as larger-than-life sets for the colourful flummery of Gilbert and Sullivan oper-

This reflects the Luxemawareness of their small country's need for integration into a wider political and economic context, coupled with the preservation of local cultural roots, inor total cumural roots, in-cluding a distinct native patois, that still flourish beneath the heavy overlay of French and German in-fluence. There was fierce popular resistance to the Nazi accumation in the occupation in Second World War. Visitors to Luxembours

Visitors to Luxembourg—
an area of some 1,000 Luxembourg is one of the square miles (about the size most prosperous members bourg ruled over territories share of rolling wooded of the European Commubills, castles and quaint nity. Above: a casual towns—are usually surmoment in the street and prised to discover that the (left) Arbed steel, a major Grand Duchy is also one of industry.

Luxembourg is one of the height the house of Luxembourg ruled over territories extending from the North Sea to the borders of Ruspits of the first prosperous industry.

This period of imperial power came to an end in the mid-lifteenth century. the most prosperous members of the EEC, with

members of the EEC, with the tenth biggest steel-making group in the world, and the fourth biggest in Europe.

More than 80 per cent of the in any other ban 50 per cent of the inclusion of the

embourg's dependence on gave four emperors to Ger-and involvement with the many, four kings to Boheoutside world is the striking mis (among them the percentage of immigrants national hero, Wenceslas), among the population—at and one to Hungary. At its

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(left) Arbed steel, a major industry.

This period power came to an end in the mid-lifteenth century, and during the next 460 and during the next 440 years fortness Luxembourg formed part of other people's empires—Burgundian (1443-1506), Spanish (1506-1684 and 1697-1714), French (1684-1697 and Austrian (1714-1795). (1684-1697 and 1795-1814) and Austrian (1714-1795) In the seventeenth century the Spanish gave the southern part of the ducky—nota-bly the regions round bly the regions round Thionville, Montmedy, Ivoix-Cariguan and Marville—to

France. At Vienna At the Congress of Vienna in 1815, Luxembourg was raised to the status of Grand Duchy, and made the property of the King of The Netherlands, William I, who was also given the title of Duke of Luxembourg. Luxembourg. Although this paved the way for national independence, Luxembourg suffered further dismembe ment, losing lands to the east of the Moselle and the

Sure to Prussia. In the 1830s there was loss of territory when the western part of the Grand Duchy was ceded to Belgium. It now forms the Belgian province of Luxembourg. Much of the curemoting. Much of the rural population of Luxembourg had supported the Belgian revolt against Dutch rule in 1830, but the capital and its environs remained loyal to William of Orange. The personal union between Luxembourg and The Nem- before

descendant, the crown of 56 per cent of its exports, the Grand Duchy passed to and employed more than a the elder branch of the third of the Grand Duch's House of Nassau, giving industrial workforce. Luxembourg its own dynasty and complete inde-

years.

Recognition of the need for integration in a larger economic system took Lux embourg into the German Zollverein in 1842. After the First World War, the Grand Duchy withdrew, and in 1921 rurned instead to Belgium to form the economic and monetary union which Zollverein in 1842. After the First World War, the Grand Duchy withdrew, and in 1921 rurned instead to Belgium to form the economic and monetary union which survives to this day. Benelux—a customs union embracing Eelgium, Holland and Luxembourg—was conceived in exile in the Second World War and established in 1948.

With these European credentials, it is not surprising the second of the tourth largest steel-making equipment.

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Community is the drum-ming of the diesel-hauled in the deep valley that is skirts the former fortress city.

Arbed now claims to be at the tenth largest steel-making group in the world and the fourth largest in Rurner.

established in 1948.

With these European credentials, it is not surprising that the Grand Duchy was a founding member of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), the European Economic Community (ECSC), The European Atomic Energy Community.

The EEC's Council Ministers.

The EEC's Council of Ministers, although based in Brussels, also meets in Luxortissels, also meets in Luxembourg in April, June and
October in a tall building
on the Kirchberg plateau
overlooking the old town.
More controversially, Luxembourg houses the permanent secretariat of the
European Parliament and is
one of the working sites of European Parliament and is one of the working sites of that nomadic assembly. By custom, the Purliament's monthly plenary sessions are held alternately in the Grand Duchy and Strasbourg, while committee meetings take place mainly in Brussels. in Brussels.

With the advent of direct elections, there is a growing view among members of the European Parliament that these costly and inconvenient wanderings should venient wanderings should cease and that the Parliament should be located in Brussels alongside the Community's main executive bodies. The European Commission and the Council of Ministers. However, the combined resistance of Luxembourg and France and the fact that the Parliament itself has no long power to itself has no legal power to determine where it should sit, seems to rule out any

Michael Hornsby

Steel cuts without redundancy

has long been regarded as a "state within a state" because of its overriding importance in the life of the Grand Ducky.

More than five years of recession in the European recession in the European steel industry have shown that Arbed is by far the strongest concern in the historic steel-making region trease its steel production that stretches in an arc by 12.4 per cent to 4,250,000 from the Saar in the asst, tonnes, but output in that through Lorraine and south year was still 26 per cent ern Luxembourg into the below the record level of valleys of the Sambre and 5,740,000 tonnes ceached in the record year of 1974.

charged with restructuring the steel industries of the Saar in West Germany. I also helps to put the allir plants around Charleroi Belgium on their feet, well as putting the Luxer bourg steel industry in tri-to face the challenges of to 1980s.

Yet a casual visitor Luxembourg city could e forgiven for overlooking n industry that in its heyey reces Luxembourg's In that year, after the domestic product, 45 et death of William III of Holcent of the country's indicated, who left no male trial production and neally

Arbed's stately bed whereas the industries of quarters in the Avenue de the Saar, Lorraine and Walnus pendeuce. The present ruler—now thoroughly constitutionalized—is Grand Duke Jean who succeeded his mother. Grand Duchess Charlotte, in 1964 when she abdicated after reigning 45 years.

Recognition of the need for integration in a larger economic system took Luxembours in the Avenue de the basic pendeute. The present any steel war prevent any steel war any stee Arbed's stately bed-

more up-to-date oxygen steel-making equipment.

mproved somewhat in the ast 18 months, Arbed is till a long way from the rosperity that it enjoyed to to the onser of the reces-ion at the end of 1974.

Meuse in Belgium.

Thanks to a series of After reaching a peak of takeovers and cooperation 4,505m francs (about £75m) agreements supported by in 1977. Arbed's losses felt the Luxembourg, West Ger to 1919m francs in 1978. man and Belgian govern The improvement continued ments, Arbed has emerged into the first half of 1979 as a multinational group when losses felt to 430m charged with restrictions. The improvement continued sions to 16,500 by into the first half of 1979 representing a reduction when losses fell to 430m about 4,000 from the when losses fell to 430m about 4,000 from francs, or less than a third of employment at of the 1,600m francs loss in of September la curred in the first half of Moreover, this the previous yer.

> The development of the Luxembourg steel in-The development of redundancy or short the Luxembourg steel in working and it remains dustry in recent years has industry's policy to a and timely investment, worked out a plan in whereas the industries of summer of 1978, designs

However, Luxembourg's cent and imaginative a steel managers are under no was the decision by Andinasions about the future to employ part of its will be European steel industry force in non-steelmak statil characterized by subjectivities such as constitution of a new outside customers.

Steel in Luxembourg means eavy accomulated losses, form the industry be Arbed, the company that a increased burden of debt at a cost of 23,200m from the long been regarded as a and a sharply reduced work mastering the crise state within a state proc. Although business has demanded, and will

The improvement Arbed's business position reflected in part a recovery in demand for steel, particu-larly in West Germany, and the effects of the EEC's plan to counter the crisis in the industry.

paralleled that of the large, these measures in the Rain rather than that the stand southern Beigium.

Arbed was able to reap the modest rewards of heavy and timely investment.

The Leembourg steel industry has, it therefore, geared self to live with the crisi for some years to come. Bit the strategy is offensive as well as defensive as well as defensive. In 1978, the Arbed management decided on a bold estructuring programme designed to trans.

The Grand Duchy's ability to cope with unemploying would be taken by "small is beautiful" lot as proof that small case of the strategy is small is beautiful. I lot as proof that small case of managing their end miss than large ones.

Peter Norma

Mastering the crisi tinue to demand. For the Luxembourg the recession in the industry has meant of a major source revenue. In turn, shareholders have received a divide that paid out for the business year. Norms biggest sufferers from a prolonged recession as

force of the afflicte dustry, but in Lument case this is not so. Arbed intends to number of jobs in its embourg steel-making made since the reces 1975 and the end of

the company's Luxe workforce was cut But, in contrast to bled steel industries have been achieved wit

lurch into recession. Even before the oil price rises at the end of last year dealt their bldw to the prospects for the world economy in 1980, the European Commission wa giving warning that the year would be a difficult one for the steel industry.

The Grand Duchy's abil

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There are more than 120 communication although charteners in varying states.

re advised to change them identity cards and fill in a gium-re Belgian currency before desailed form when check-taving the country.

ings of the EEC's Council et. Ministers are held. Euroc-crats and the odd stowaway can enjoy gournet food in the self-service restaurant where a three-course meal with wine and perhaps a lit-tle cheese can be had for

The quality of Luxembourg certified by a national trade-St Martin at Remich and the Caves Bernard-Massard produce sparking white wines, have a slide show with a pour around the cellers and a wine tasting for a charge of about 50p. Children can drink non-sico-

holic grape juice.

Night life is about the only thing which Luxembourg fails down on the with liferature is used for There are more than 120 real communication although chargainx in varying states is tors are not expected in of decline, many of them considered in the public. The world population open to the public. The conservence and state measures of natural results and Letzebury history and art are scaled for German and Letzebury history, history and art are scaled periods), and worth a visit. Regional many speak English News more mainly on war souvenirs. There is a wine museum at axemboung has an English Schwebsingen.

There is a wine museum at a scaled the firm and news of local events at the country offers a thin music, current affairs, choice of 300 hotels, 13 on news of local events and boarding houses to suit llowed. To import and all pockets. Youth hostel the country lies are and boarding houses to suit limitation, right years to a maximum thich gives the country lies of 5 per cent levied in hotel manner of limited market for Lux prices. Visitors are expected in the only places open for a feelingle board and fill in a gium.

Finance

Big name banks at centre

Taking a call to Luxen these forms are collected by Luxenbourg's position as cised by the commissariat bounds is worthwhile petrol the police for their feeofds: a leading international fination the control of the bank is observed. Seat belts high, and prices are reason great benefit in the uncer. The Government in turn are compulsory and children table. A three-course meal tain years since the world takes a benefoling wew of younger than 15 must sit in

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In the popular mind it is still frequently bracketed together with Liechtenstein as a tax haven, full of letter-box companies and visited by tourists from neighbouring Belgium who are more interested in the Grand Ducky's jealously guarded banking secrecy than its cuisine and scenery.

There certainly are letter-box companies. But the vast majority of the 3,000 to majority of the 3,000 to 4,000 that are registered in

it is also true that those of Luxembourg's 108 banks

sons other than taxation equivalent of rules for Luxembourg's rheir books.

amergence as a leading One implicational institution centre accounting for about 12 per cent of the world-wide Eurocurrency market. The Luxembourgers them-selves point to the Grand Duchy's central position in the European Community, Patricia Kelly bureaucratic control exer-

market.

But the principal factors expanded repidly as the counterpart to the burgeon-ing United States belance of payments deficit caused by the Vietnam war, while Lux-embourg was chosen by the starting point in its init-

Luxembourg to take advantage of the country's liberal 20 banks in Luxembourg tax laws for holding command three quarters of these panies, lead a quiet and were serving the domestic In 1965 there mere 47,500m francs

tomers undoubtedly attract number of banks had in-clients whose main interest creased to 32 and their is escaping the predatory balance sheet total to grasp of the Belgian tax- 136,000m france. Thereafter banking in of took off in But in the world of took off in a big way as wholesale banking, which is more and more foreign now the basis of Luxen-banks moved into the city bourg's strength as a finan- The banks' balance sheet cial centre, the Grand total passed the 1,000,000m Duchy is anything but a tax franc mark in 1974, the haven. Banks pay more than 2,000,000m franc level half their profits to the towards the end of 1977 and state in the form of cor the 3,000,000m franc mark other in August last year.

There are, therefore, rest now thought no have the sons other than taxation equivalent of \$110,000m on

institution that is not in cluded in these statistic cluded in published by the Luxem bourg Banking Commission

Yet this Community ins rution has done a great deal in establishing Luxembourg as a serious financial centre since it was first set up in 1958. With the EIB, Luxembourg has a triple A bor-rower on his doorstep. Its prestige in bond markets of West Germany and New York as well as on the Eurobond market has reflected upon the city where the bank is based.

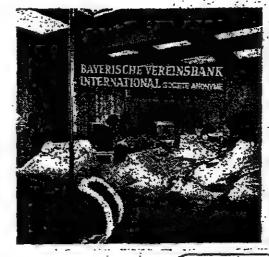
During the past three years the EIB has greatly expanded the scale of its lending activities both inside and outside the EEC. The bank's overall lending jumped by no less than 40 per cent to £2,049m last year. The EIB claims that since 1977 its lending has created 52,000 permanent jobs and safeguarded 23,500 jobs and safeguarded 23,500 more, has provided temporary employment for 145,000 persons in 1979 and 1980 and bas financed investment in energy projects that will replace 38 million tonnes of imported oil a year, the equivalent of 8 per cent of the EEC's oil imports in 1979.

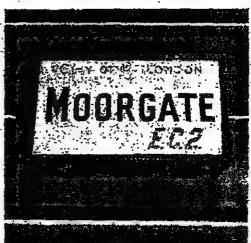
In was the American banks that first expanded rapidly in Luxembourg in the 1970s, but in recent years the Grand Duchy has increasingly assumed the increasingly assumed the role of a German offshore banking centre. The role of the German banks has undergone a radical change in the 12 years since the Dresdner Bank—mindful of wartime memories-cau tiously set up the first German banking subsidiary in the country under the un obrusive name of Compag-nic Luxembourgeoise de

The German presence in Luxembourg roday far ourweighs that of the other foreign banks. By the end of 1979 no fewer than 28 German banks had set up in business. The largest them have a volume of business approaching 15 per cent of that of their parent concerns. Altogether of the business done by the Luxembourg banking in-

dustry.
The reason for this explo sive growth is that Luxen-

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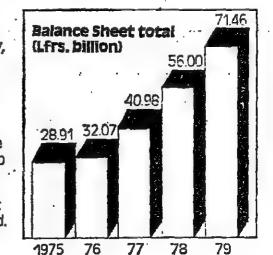
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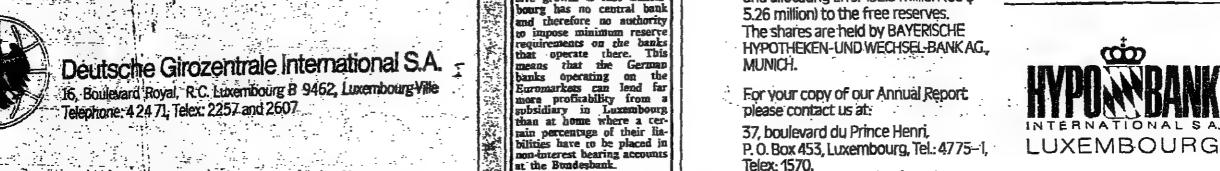


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Securities	5,204
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Amounts due to banks

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to use satellites is made, probably at the end of this year, RTL is likely to go ahead with plans to build a new £15m television centre near its present studios

don-registered. a limited other stations."

The play list for most RTL. It has headquarters in shows is selected by the Hertford Street in London's programming department in West End, with a sales London which also compiles Luxembourt 208; and it features in Dean Street a mile 208's own Top 30. News tures in RTL's latest venture, a local service in staff of about forty, most of them based in London, deal-ing with advertising sales, embourg's London heading with advertising sales, embourg's London heading with advertising sales, quarters. Because the play

The shows are live from the list is preselected, DJs can
them out."

West Stewart's is one of two voices which are two voices which are two some treak reports have come in from as far as 200km away, and the station can be picked up in Belgium on ture, a local service in Beglish for the British and other television test card on Channel 27.

Many countries have local English-language magazines aimed at the British abroad.

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RTL asked for air time, both Luxembourg has pro-

Radio Luxembourg is, in the words of its managing director, Mr Also Keen, a pace-setter within the Bri-tish music industry. Its programme director, Mr Tony Prince, and other 208 DJs Kingdom and the rest of Europe. What they pick up in the way of music trends on their travels is reflected in programme formats. At present in favour is pop-with a heavy helping of

near its present studios.

RTL's claim to fame among pop music lovers must be its British service.

Radio Luxembourg, known to the faithful as 208 after its medium-wave frequency, always kept a close watch is the oldest surviving station on all rends in the music of its kind. It has been presenting popular music to a British audience with a group of executives siring since the mid-1930s.

Luxembourg 208 (1439)

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Many countries have local started English-language magazines commercial broadcasting aimed at the British abroad.

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Patricia Kell

Growers export more than half production

Local wines best drunk when young and fresh

means always the case. The Holland and another 250,000 vigneron is concerned and almost austere, while a often arduous activity department of vineyards litres will find its way into that face out east across the France. It must be admitted acidity have a far greater from the flat and westerly state viticultural institute river. Moselle to Germany that the Luxembourgers do appeal to the contemporary and wind almost 45km from have an undoubted enthus wine drinker than do the wines of the almost indigenous for their native provinces of the almost indigenous every year 360,000 Luxembourgers are that year produce about 150,000 every year 360,000 Luxembourgers each drink approximately dry white wine that inately 30 litres of homewill not only be drunk at produced wine.

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sweeping vineyards down on and German wines may
to the service roads and often be full, fresh and
when exceptionally severe fruity, those of Luxembourg
January frosts have not remain light, dry and pleaalready destroyed an estisantly-balanced because of 42 per cent of the the absence of enrichment crop, the cooperatives, com- that is brought on by mercial and smaller private adding sugar to the grape growers can in fact expect to export well over half their total production.

In such a year, unlike the

the vines. Vineyards were first established along the banks of the Moselle in summer rains and ero- ery and style of wine differs 10.5° have not swept a signi- widely as the river makes form of the its way north from Alsace steeply- to Koblenz. While Alsatian

> Even wines of the hybrid Mueller-Thurgau, or Rivaner, as it is called in the Grand Duchy, have none of the almost instaneous sweetness and flower when grown in Luxembourg, as do those of the same variety when they have been when they have been planted in such northerly climes as Austria, Germany, Switzerland and the south

from so many statistics it timum life of no more than might be as well to examine two to three years and is and fresh. Its style is light cial enterprises and smal and dry with an alcoholic private growers are each strength seldom exceeding responsible for half the

> Other varieties grown la Grand Duchy include modest but auxerrois, often surprisingly good pinot blanc-the one from the Cave Cooperative at Wormeldange is particularly agreeable—pirct gris, riesling and a little dry and somewhat indifferent traminer that has none of the spicy richness of its brother

Rieslings, too, differ enormously from their German counterparts as a recent tasting of the wines grown on either side of the Moselle showed. Riesling

from farther south,

Luxembourg has long been approximately six million Rivaner than any other vari- grown on the steep slapes gifts and, somewhat remained as the producer of litres of Luxembourg wine ety is planted in Luxembetween Wormeldonge and adly, an experienced comainly domestically consumbly domestically consumble will be sold to Belgium, a bourg—it is fairly easy to Machtum on the Luxembourg wine to represent the producer of litres and perfect the producer of the case. The Holland and another 250,000 signeron is concerned and almost austeria, while a often arduous activity described the producer of litres and litres and

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Other varieties grown in wines carrying this official to County Destroy and the produced of the produced of the produced of the period of the produced of the period o seal of quality are produced within an officially deli-mited appelation controles area of 1,200 hectares and have been tasted and classi-fied according to their merits by a commission of improved chance 12 experts, including might become so. experts, growers, merchants, inn-keepers, two state cenclo-

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Luxembourg Airlines in pool with British

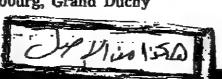
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£35.4m Plessy profit

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Plessey, the electronics group-vesterday amounted a 7.5 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to C35.4m in the nine injuries to

December 31. Financial Editor, page 25

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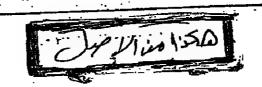
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Planning for a nuclear trade balance, page 25

Liquidity strain Stock markets E7 Ind 458.0 down 2.4 PE Gire 63.94 down 0.37 on companies Sterling -\$2,235 down 80 points Badda 72.0 down 0.3 as cash squeeze **D**Ohar idex 87.1 up 0.5 takes effect W Gold **562/ down** \$19.

inancial Correspondent Companies short term liquid-Companies short term liquidity postuous are currently being stretched more than at any firms since the crisis of the winter of 1974-75, according to the latest Department of Industry survey published in this month's edition of British Rusiness.

Enginesis.

They survey, which covers the liquidity position of 222 large companies, shows that the ratio of current financial assets to current liabilities fell from 122 per cent to 71 per cent between the fourth quarters of 1978 and 1979.

Although this is comfortably above the depths plumbed at the end of 1974, it provides strong confirmation of the in-London Trust bes emerged as the f7-4m purchaser of part is that if this is what is happening to relatively large companies, the position of smaller businesses may be constructed. of Bloomsbury Square, auctioned by the Property Services Agency last week iderably worse.

The estate, which includes offices shops and a hotel some of which are listed buildings, was bought piecemeal by the Government in the 1970s for the British Library site.

The f7.7m sale leaves the Government with almost 50 percent of its Bloomsbury holdings, which are also that to be said.

Rivermoor Properties a property investment company to Certainly, there has been an ncreasing number of noises from smaller companies about the cash squeeze they are suffering and more particularly, of the way that their problems are being compounded by the present high cost of borrowing. With prime borrowers having to pay at least 18, per cent for overdrafts many smaller figure will be paying appreciably more than this. from smaller companies about perty investment company, to be established by London Trust,

The main hope at the moment will run the estate which currently has rental income of 2240,000 a year. is that the present squeeze on liquidity will prove a temporary mon. It is precisely the kind of development that one would expect as the business cycle steris to turn downwards. The Mersey Docks and har-bour company confirmed yester-day that there have been delays in handling cargoes at the specialized container terminal in the 550m Royal Seaforth dock complex, but said improvements had already been carried out and the programmic was contin-uing. The Northwest Road Haulage Association has alleged delays of up to 12 hours. In the early stages of a recession manufacturing companies will be left holding relatively high stock levels until such time as they trim back production to

march falling demand. But once companies start to.

reduce their production schedules they can then run down their stock ratios and start to rebuild their liquidity. There were indeed some signs that the physical levels of stocks were aiready starting to decline slowly towards the end of last year. However, rising raw mate rial and labour costs have meant that the nominal costs of stocks has continued to rise

A further problem for many exporting companies is that the strength of sterling has consistently been aroding their profit margins. To the extent that they have been forced to hold their export prices as denominated in overseas currencies, those foreign currency earnings have tended to buy less and less sterling when remitted to the United Kingdom,

How much the Chancellor would like, or will feel able, to would like, or will reel able, to do for the corporate sector in the Budger remains to be seen. Only recently the Confedera-tion of British Industry predic-ted that the "real" pre-tax return for British industry (excluding North Sea activities) could fall to no more than 2 per cent this year, the worst level ever recorded.

The CBI report went on to predict that the financial deficit of these companies could rise to £7,000mL Other forecasting bodies have been predicting similar trends

Some economists would like to see the Chancellor make room to cut the National Insurance surcharge. That would pro-vide a little help right across the board, both to exporters and to companies competing against imports.

It seems unlikely, however, that the Chancellor is going to have a great deal to offer the corporate sector in the short

Chemicals industry urges end to gas monopoly which says it is concerned about the inability of British Gas to Howell with more detailed indi-By John Huxley

Energy ministers are considering radical proposals that the Government should break the monopoly of the British Cas Corporation in buying, moving and selling gas for use as fuel in the United Kingdom.

The intention would be to give other potential suppliers the opportunity to provide new and independent distribution systems serving industrial users, Such a system has already been developed in the Netherwhere the state has entered a joint venture with private companies to serve about 50 per cent of larger out 50 per demand for gas.

Proposals for a similar cheme have been put to Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Energy, by the Chemi-cal Industries Association,

meet either the industry's present or future needs. Mr Eric Sharp, president of

the association, said yesterday that chemical industry projects weer being postponed or scrapped and foreign investment in Britain deterred be-cause of the inability of companies to secure gas supplies. Proposals for independent distribution systems linked to areas of high industrial concentration, such as the Midlands, the North-west and the North-east, are particularly attractive to the minister, it is under-

Such schemes might be linked to North Sea fields which previously have not been worth

The Chemical Industries Asso-

cations of the potential scope and practicability of the scheme and further talks are planned. and further takes are moved to consider importing gas as a means of preventing shortages.

The association, which represents the association, which represents the control of the control

sents an industry with an annual turnover of about £15,000m, sees changes in the role and obligations of British Gas as part of the long-term solution to supply problems.

According to the association's most recent estimates there will be a shortfall in gas supplies to the chemicals industry by 1983 of about 200 million therms a year. Demand is expected to be 1,400 million therms. British Gas Corporation's in-ability to meet demand from

industry, in which chemicals is

Not only is gas cheap compared to alternative fuels, but the corporation has a statutory obliga-tion to supply on demand to existing users and those within 25 yards of a distribution pipe.
Industry has thus found isself

increasingly starved of new sup-plies. In the first nine months of last year an additional 935 million therms were provided but of that total only 32 million therms went to industrial

Mr Martin Trowbridge, direcfor general of the association, recognizes that a once-for-all change in domestic prices of the scale needed to bring tariffs into line with other fuel prices-would be politically unaccept-

However, he believes that if only as a matter of "natural

justice" industrial and domes-tic consumers must be treated more equitably. It would also make more sense for energy conservation to ensure that a larger proportion of available supply goes to the more effiindustrial users.

chemicals industry, which last year contributed a surplus of more than £1,500m to Britain's trade balance, fas told Mr Howell that apart from its concern over supplies there disquiet about prices paid in the United Kingdom.

The association contends that ironically in view of Britain's North Sea resources industry pays on average 5p a thegree more for comparable supplies than Continental chemicals manufacturers. This amounts to an annual excess cost burden of £60m. it save

Some Ozalid directors deceived auditors, inquiry report claims

Company directors' private bank accounts should be open to inquiry inspectors, a Depart-ment of Trade report said yes-

Mr Neil Butter, QC, and Mr Brian Allen Kemp, Department of Trade inspectors, were sppointed by the Secretary of State under Section 165(b) of the 1948 Companies Act to investigate Ozalid, a leading group in the reprographic trade and well known for different types of copying processes of drawdocuments used in amercial and drawing offices.

The inspectors were appointed after a prolonged fall in profits and its eventual takeover in February, 1977, for roughly £24.5m by the Dutch group Oce van der Grinten NV. There was widespread dismay at both the takeover and the

The inspectors found that Ozalid grew much too fast in the early 1970s. The subsid-iaries were unable to make enough money to meet the financial demands of the the The report describes how

helped to create non-existent companies or business names, used fictuious invoices, operated Swiss bank accounts and deceived auditors and share-

Several key board members are crinicized for what they did and sometimes for the way they behaved towards the inspectors. Mr Nicholas Joseph Kiely, who became chalrman in July 1972, is described as having "a fair amount of Irish charm and a pleasant smile". The inspectors said that "as an administrator he often seems to have hoped that problems would disappear by themselves

He favoured the idea of divide and rule". They went in: "His evidence tended to so vague as to be of negligible assistance." His standards "fell substantially below those which may reasonably be expected of a person who held his

Dr Allan Beeber was mainly responsible for research. He declined to come from the United States to give evidence. The inspectors said that in the later stages of their investigation he

Frederick Willoughby Clanfield, the company secre-tary until April, 1975, was "much too weak in the course of his work and he rended to be dominated by his fellow directors. He was more sinned against than sinning ", said the uspectors.

Mr David Haddon, who be came finance director particu-larly concerned with overseas expansion, was said to be young and energetic and who did an enormous amount of hard work. But "some of his activities had unfortunate consequences

A non-executive director, Mr John Gillum, of Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank, is described as having "added an independent degree of integrity to the board ". The inspectors attack the

way several directors on the main board received undisi "overseas remunera-in 1972, 1973 and 1974 tion" in 1972, 1973 and 1974. This involved the creation of business names. Some of the

Future of IMF's gold sales still in balance

Washington, Mar 6

No decision has yet been taken by the executive board of directors of the International Monetary Fund on the future of its gold auctions. The next fund sale of 440,000oz of builion will be in April and the final sale, also of 440,000oz, is now exhausted for early May. scheduled for early May.

IMF sources close to the board said there did not appear to be any clear agreement on the future of gold auctions. Some directors felt that further sales were necessary to provide additional assistance to develop-ing countries, but there had been little pressure from the poorer countries themselves. The IMF ennounced a list of

14 institutions successful in vesterday's sale of 440,000oz including Samuel Montagu and Derby and Company of London. The fund did not disclose the amounts awarded to each of the successful bidders.

The Dresduer bank, which is

bead office, as well as its subsidiaries in Singapore Luxembourg.

The price of gold in the New York bullion market fell quite sharply to just above \$600 at one point today. Dealers noted however, that there continues to be strong evidence, as indicated by the volume of bids at the IMF sale, of sustained institutional buying, particularly from Europe and the Middle East. One dealer said that the strength of this buying is surprising given the very high cost of financing gold purchases at present.

In addition to Dresduer and the British companies the other successful bidders at the IMF sale were the three big Swiss commercial banks, Bank Leu of Zürich, the Bank of Nova Scotis, a division in New York of Englebard Minerals and NMR Metals of New York the DG Bank of Frankfurt and the Eastern Trade Corporation of

The average price yesterday \$641.23, with a range of was \$641.23, with a range of \$636.16 to \$649.07 an ounce. At the previous auction a price of

Invisible surplus hit by **Eurocurrency losses**

Britain's invisible trade sur-

The Trades Eulon Congress
has supported a note of dissent
on a report on offshore oil
shiery prepared for Parliament
by a committee headed by Dr.
Jack Burgoyne. The dissenting
committee members believe that
safety should be a matter for plus, which includes travel, shipping, the earnings of the City and government payments to the EEC budget, dropped sharply in the last three months tive, not the Department of Energy, as recommended. snarply in the last three months of last year. In the whole of 1979 the surplus shrank to £875m from nearly £2,500m in 1978 and more than £2,000m in Dissenting voices, page 24

A loss of £76m on United Kingdom banks' business in Eurocurrency markets was responsible for much of the fourth quarter deterioration.

invisible surplus of £71m in the last three months of last year was considerably lower than the early estimates. Together with a trade gop on visible goods of £745m, it led to an overall current account deficit of £674m between October and December.

October and December.
Capital inflows into Britain furing the fourth quarter were not large enough to cover the current account deficit, and the Covernment financed it by drawing on Britain's reserves.
However, that money threated into London after the three moint rise in minimum

three point rise in minimum lending rate in November more than offshi the money going out thought to have left Britain in the last half of last year as a religit of the relaxation, and then the abuiltion of exchange controls. BLE Plastics a subsidiar of RP Chemicals, is to build a film plant at Bromborough White to make low density polyethylene The plant will have a rated the plant will have a rear When Mrs Margaret
Thather, the Prime Minister, visits Hall next Friday it is expected that she will be asked for financial help to keep the fish dock operational man the EEC can give Britain fairer fishing opportunities.

controls. Tigures published yes official figures published yes terday for the balance of payments in the fourth quarter of the year show that most of the outflow was due to repayment of foreign debt by British companies which had borrowed overseas to finance investment abroad when there were restricabroad when there were restric-

British residents have also boosted their foreign currency deposits with United Kingdom banks since exchange controls were lifted completely in accounted for only £156m of October. These do not affect the the drop in Britain's traditional balance of payments directly, invisibles surplus last year.

but have probably changed the net lending overseas of British banks, which is shown in the

The exceptionally high level third quarter of last year seems to have talled off in the final three months, although the repayment of money raised overseus and not paid through British banks kept up. The two factors together led to an outflow of about £657 between July and September of £603m in the last three months of 1979.

So far there has not been much of an increase in British spending on investment overseas despite the new freedom However insurance companies and pension funds did boost their portfolio investment in the EEC in the third quarter of last year, after the relaxation of controls in July and in United controls in July, and in United States government securities in the last three months of the

The controversial early stages of the takeover of Consolidated Gold Fields by De Beers boosted overseas investment in Britain in the past three

There was also a flood of money into London as speculators chased high interest rates. Some of this went into government stocks, as overseas holding of gilts rose by \$174m\$. In 1979 as a whole private foreign boldings of British government stocks jumped by \$3,600m\$. Nonresident's deposits in banks shot up during the fourth quarter of last year by \$1,332m\$. The inflows in those three months accounted for half of the total for the year, which was itself several factors larger than in 1978 at \$2,602m\$. This is the reflection of the strong demand for sterling at the end of last There was also a flood of for sterling at the end of last

Increased net government contributions to the EEC accounted for only £156m of the drop in Britain's traditional

Central banks act as dollar gathers strength

Money continued to pour into dollars on the world's currency markets yesterday. News that the Iranian students holding in Tehran might hand over responsibility for them helped the dollar. It was also buoyed continuing high American

Eurodollar rates were sharply higher at the opening in Lon-don. There were also market rumours during the day that the United States Federal Reserve Board might decide to push its discount rate still higher, possibly by as much as 2 or 3 points, which would make it a penalty rate. It is now below market rates and there is evidence that banks have been boosting their borrowing from the Fed's discount window.

The effect of the recent sharp United States money supply has yet to be seen. The figures which would reflect this, will which would reaser this will
not be available for some days.
Central banks in West Germany, France, Switzerland and
Japan were in the market again

Japan were in the market again yesterday in a vigorous attempt to hold up their currencies by selling dollars.

The West German central bank spent \$98m at the morning fixing to bolster the Denische mark against the dollar. This was nearly double the level of official intervention at the fixings in the previous three days. Total German intervention has been much larger.

Despite this weakened and finally closed at DM1.7945 to the dollar against Wednesday. DM1.7875 on Wednesday. Dealers reported that they would not be surprised to see the dollar at DM1.80 before Large sales of official dollars softened the falls recorded by both the French and Swiss but the Swiss franc still dropped

while the French currency fell from F4.1845 to F4.19875.

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dents holding
bassy hostages
with little help from the Bank with little help from of England the pound came back to close at \$2,2335, down 80 points. In trade weighted terms the pound dropped by 0.3 points to finish at 72 per cent of its end-1971 value.

The dollar rose strongly against a trade weighted basket of currencies yesterday. It finished at 87.1 per cent of its end-1971 value, up 0 5 points on

the day. The interest rate was, trig-gered by the swift rise in Ameri-can rates as the Fed has rightened its money policy, shows signs of spreading. The Italian central bank may raise interest rates, according to the market.

Ironically the dramatic, and to many countries unwecome, effect on foreign exchange markets brought about by United States actions was not particularly intended. The Americans did not raise rates to boost the did not raise rates to boost the doller but for purely domestic reasons. However, the inter-national repercussions of the rise have proved to be very

In London domestic interest rates rended to ease fractionally from the exceptionally high levels seen earlier in the week.
This was particularly true of very short rates, where the overaight interbank rate opened at 171 to 18 per cent but came back to 17 per cent during the

new development yester however, was the sharp in Eurodollar rates. Both the three and six month rates went ahead of the comparable sterling rates in the London market.

Although sterling rebounded well late on, the sharp rise in dollar rates is something the authorities will find it increas-

widely seen as an important agent in the bullion markets for Middle East interests, was Continued on page 26, col 3 the name Ox, its Frankfurt

Bar on cheap car imports unlikely Low cost car imports from East Europe, which were running at nearly 40,000 vehicles a year in 1979, are unlikely to be restricted by the Government. This was made clear in Coventry yesterday by Mr Cecil Parkinson, Minister for Trade. He said: "Quality,

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nation " was a rebuff for It was a rebuff for Sic Michael Edwardes, BL chair, man, who last week appealed for government action against the "dumping" of cars from Eastern Europe. The cars are from Lada in Russia, Polski in Poland and Skoda in Czechoslovakia. Britain exported only about 400 cars to Eastern

will

decide our future as a trading

Mr Parkinson was touring the

Motor Panels but not simply what was cheap (Coventry) which is producing a Government thinking on car the award-winning cab system imports appears to be that the the award-winning cab system for Leyland's newly launched Roadtrain truck. He said: This is an encouraging exam-This is an encouraging example of the kind of product is too small to be attecting seriously the sales of British-recovery. We could go on concerning ourselves with the fact that foreigners find it uncomfortably easy to sell in our fortably easy to sell in our fortable easy to sell easy to sell in our fortable easy to sell in our fortable easy to sell in our fortable easy to sell fortably easy to market. We cou could-but market. nobody be in any doops of the danger of such a course, espe-cially for our huge exports markets overseas."

The key to Britain's successful rade performance was the production of high quality, reliable goods, backed up by an efficient after-sales service and not the imposition of random import controls. He said customers wanted value for money

less than 3 per cent share of the British market accounted for by East European imports

met in the negotiations bring-ing Spain into trading agreeing Spain into trading agreement with the EEC.

Spain exports around 50,000 cars a year to Britain, most of these Para Fiestas. But Spain's 35 per cent turiff barrier has kept BL's exports there down to around 400.

Pressure is expected to be applied to Spain to bring down these tariff barriers as soon as EEC.

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Minister fails to deliver on worker participation

Post Office unions draw a blank

Office on industrial democracy: questions.

The unions are demanding that they should have seats on the corporation's main board of directors despite the Government's decision to end a twoyear " worker directors " experiment at the end of last year. They have also told the cor-porarion and the Government that they cannot accept repre-

negotiations with the Post voted to industrial relations

representation because this twice-monthly meetings to us to be important in unions have with the board.

terms of industrial democracy.

Mr Carter said negotiation due to the importance of decision-taking at that level, and because it sets the pattern for industrial democracy at other levels."

The unions met Mr Adam Butler, Minister of State at the Policy councils were suggested by Sir William Barlow, Post told them that he could not Office chairman, as a comprome intervene in matters which

in the past that it will back Sir William's decisions. Mr Carter said that the policy councils idea "is really

no development at all and gives such minimal involvement as to be meaningless". The councils would give little more access to information than the present

but the unious hoped that when the postal and telecommunications divisions became separate businesses next year some nev form of union involvement in decision-taking at a high level

January, against 10.100 in the same month, last year. Completions were also up, from 16,200 to 18,000. PRICE CHANGES Nitigate Explor 40p to 5350 Oxley Printing 5p to 390 Streeters 1 10p to 3520 Union Discount 10p to 3520 Wankie Colliery 4p to 60p Grootviel Harriseas Cros Imp Cent Gas

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sentation on second-tier policy Rates for small denomination bank-motes only as supplied posterday by Barriags Bank intermitional Ltd. Barriags apply to travellers Different rates apply to travellers 10.90 1.08 1840.00

Post Office unions came away ise after the Government should be decided between the from a meeting with a Govern accepted his argument that unions and the Post Office. ment minister yesterday, disment minister yesterday, dis-appointed that he could not break the "stalemate" in their portionate amount of time de-

Mr Amony Carter, secretary general of the Council of Post Office Unions, said last night: "We still want main board

Mr Carter said negotiations had now reached "stalemate"

David Felton



Yen support plan not enough say critics

Mr Keijiro Shoji, director-general of the Japanese Econo-mic Planning Agency, said in Tokyn that the Government should now work out a package of anti-inflation measures to improve the country's funda-mentals and shore up the yea. He testified before a Lower House committee that despite last Sunday's set of yea-support steps, there still remains strong

steps, there still remains strong speculative pressure against the Japanese currency on the fureign exchange markets. Although the finance ministry and the Bank of Japan had announced the yen defence progrumme, the dollar still maintains a strong undertone mainly because of leaves to the programme. because of Japan's rising prices and balance of payments posi-tion, which registered a record deficit in January. Some analysts say it is difficult for the Japanese currency to achieve sustained recovery until the fundamentals improve.

Air Shoji claims the yen Is still undervalued, a view that echoed the opinion of Mr Haruo

Mayekawa, governor of the Eark of Japan.

Carberra cuts taxes Mr John Howard, the Australian Treasurer, has announced reductions in personal income tax and 50 per cent tax indexation starting July 1. A texpayer with a dependent spouse on the standard tax rate will pay about \$Aus4.70 (about £2.33) a week less next finan-cial year.

Fewer registrations

Herr Fritz Haberl and Here Ernst Mueller-Hermann, the joint presidents of West Germany's motor trade association ZDK, told a press conference in Munich that 1980 registrations of new cars and estate cars should be between 2.4 and 2.5 million units compared with 2.6 million in 1979.

More diesel imports

India increased diesel imports for March and April to 490,000 tonnes a month from 200,000 tonnes to meet increosing agri-cultural demand, Mr P. C. Serhi, the petroleum minister, said in New Delhi.

Bonn engineering

Pospects for the West German engineering sector in the 1980s are better than in the second half of the past decade, the Munich Economic Research Institute savs in its latest report. Investment will probably rise by 5 per ceut a year in real

Yugoslavian index up Yugoslavia's consumer index registered 116.5 in February— up 3.3 per cent from January and up 33.9 per cent from February 1979—the statistics bureau reports from Belgrade. The index is based on 1979 average, equals 100, and it is

not seasonally adjusted. Turbines for China

AEG Kanis Turbinenfebrik GmbH, the steam turbine-making unit of AEG-Telefunken AG, the large electrical group, has received an order for nine steam turbines valued at DM13m (about £3m) from Lurgi Mineralneltechnik GmbH. The turbines will be instelled in a chemical plant in China.

US Steel prices rise

US Steel Corporation says in for sheet and strip steel products by an average of S per cent, effective March 30. The increases include the effect of the introduction of two cate form should be ready to tow out to the North Sea in the slugt steel.

The introduction of two cate form should be ready to tow out to the North Sea in the summer of 1981.

Dissenting voices could weaken impact of N Sea recommendations

Single safety agency urged for oil

A note of dissent by the two trade union members of a government appointed com-mittee on safety in the offshire North Sea oil and gas industries threatens to weaken seriously the impact of the recommenda-

seriously the impact of the recommendations as a whole.

The committee, chaired by Dr Jack
Burgoyne, an oil consultant and visiting
professor in industrial safety at the City
University, presented its report to Parliament vesterday. Its main recommendation
was that inspection of safety on offshore
installation should be transferred from the
three agencies of the Department of
Energy, the Department of Trade and the
Health and Safety Executive, who deal
with it at present, to a single agency.

It recommends that this role should be
taken by the Department of Energy despite
the fact that the department is the sponsoring ministry for the offshore industry.
In their note of dissent, Mr Roger
Lyons, a national officer of the Association
of Scientific, Technical and Managerial
Staffs, and Mr John Miller, a national
officer of the Transport and General
Workers' Union, say that while they accept
the recommendation for a single agency:

the recommendation for a single agency:
"this must be based firmly on the principle that a government department sub-stantially responsible for the direction and control of an industry should not in any way be responsible for the standards and enforcement of occupational health and

safety in that industry."

They believe that the safety role should

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor British Shipbuilders has

turned down an invitation to

tender for a sophisticated car carrier and suggested that the customer should inquire in

Japan.
The state shipbuilding cor-

poration, which is expected to disclose a loss of nearly £100m

for the financial year which ends this month, and which

desperately needs new orders to

maintain employment, defended its decision yesterday on the

grounds that the type of ship involved was not part of its design package and that most

of the world's car carriers had

But the reaction came under

strong attack from Mr Michael Grylls, MP for North West Surrey and a vice-chairman of

the Conservative Industry Com-

mittee, who said last night that

he planned to write to Sir Keith

Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, seeking a full explana-

tion.
"I think it is a staggering

response for an industry which is likely to lose £100m in the current financial year to refuse even to tender for an order which is offered to it, he said.

The approach to British Ship-

huilders was made by Colt Car UK, an associated company of

Kishorn yard

cil platform

The Kishorn yard of Howard

Doris has won a subcontract from EMH (Equipements

Mécamques et Hydrauliques) of

France to build an articulated loading platform for Phillips

Petroleum.
The 430ft concrete structure will be installed in the Maureen

field in the North Sea south-

The development of the

Maureen field is to cost £300m and Mr Albert Granville, chair-

man and managing director of Howard Doris, said yesterday

that the structure would repre-

sent a "multimillion pound" part of this cost and would

increase the workforce at Kishern in the North of Scot-

Howard Doris has already secured a contract for the steel

integrate ddeck structure of the platform, which will incorporate

or gravity base with a universal foint enabling the 328ft tower section to move with the wird and waves. This flexibility

should allow tankers of as much

as 85,000 tonnes to receive oil

from the mooring.

The structure will be built in the dry dock at Kishorn where the base of the Ninian central platform was built. The plat-

to build

By Ronald Faux

east of Shetland.

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Interim Statement

Group Turnover

Trading Profit of Group

Interim Dividend per Share

The continuing recession in demand

for housewares and giftware products

at retail level in sectors of the European

market coupled with substantial

increases in costs has adversely affected

Taunton Vale Industries, acquired in

October 1979, is trading profitably and

further benefits will begin to accrue

Net Profit Before Tax

Net Profit After Tax

Earnings per Share

been built in Japan.

Tender for Japanese

Mitsubishi, the Japanese in-dustrial group which is a leading force in Japanese ship-building as well as a motor

Mr Michael Orr, managing director of the company, dis-

closed the response to his inquiry at the Geneva motor

show yesterday. The company wanted to order a car carrier able to ship about 3,000 vehicles.

Mr John Parker, the British Shipbuilders board member for marketing, said he considered

that the corporation's response

had been "mischieviously ex-ploited" by Mr Orr when the

state organization had sought only to be helpful.

Mr Parker said: "It has to be remembered that the car

carrying, business represents a

very small sector of the ship-ping market—less that one per

cent of the world's merchant fleet—and the Japanese ship-ping companies control the car

trade. The bulk of the ships now in service have been built

in Japan and since Colt is asso-ciated with Mitsubishi it is most

unlikely that the order would

be placed anywhere else but

"Last year we received inquiries for 1,450 ships and we put in firm renders for 850 of those and there is no way in

Grand Metropolitan Hotels is

negotiating the sale of five of

its 26 London hotels. All are

below four-star category but

include two properties in the

prime hotel area of W1. Nego-

tiations are expected to be

completed soon with Chrysanta.

which already has two London

The 664 bedrooms involved

in the sale represent nearly 10

per cent of Grand Mer's total

in the capital and more than 18 per cent of its rooms below four-star category. Grand Met could be expected to be selling at around \$15,000 a bedroom.

ving a value of just short of

The two hotels enjoying prime sites are the Green Park

and the Mostyn, near Marble

Arch. There is also the Pastoria, off Leicester Square

off Leicester Square, the Rubens at Victoria and the Rembrandt in Thurloe Place,

Grand Met said yesterday it

was selling so that it could improve its hotel portfolio, pointing out that not only were

the five hotels in the lower-star

category but also had a high proportion of rooms without a bath.

Year to 30.6.79 £000

12,091

1,501

1,239

1,070

1.13p

19.1p

By Derek Harris

hotels.

Commercial Editor

Grand Met selling five

hotels in London

manufacturer.

ship rejected in UK

be taken by the Health and Safety Executive and their opinion has been backed by the Trades Union Congress which has fully supported the Miller/Lyons dissent-

Mr Miller and Mr Lyons say that other recommendations in the report to improve safety offshore which they fully endorse, could be overshadowed by the weakness of recommending the Department of Energy rather than the HSE as the inspecting agency.

They draw attention to the fact that the Coal Mines Inspectorate and the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate both come under the HSE and not the depart-

In answer to these criticisms Dr Burgoyne said yesterday that it was important that control of safety should be able to keep up with fast moving changes. He believed that changes were happening faster offshore, than, for example, in the nuclear industry.

The report as a whole is only mildly critical of offshore safety procedures. Between 1974 and 1978 there have been 54 fatalities, the largest single number being 16 divers, and 212 serious accidents. Accidents on drilling had been quite high. On average there had been one fatal or serious accident for each seven and a half wells drilled although there was less than

Michael Orr.

the shipbuilding industry that

you can cope with every single inquiry."

it appeared that Mr Orr was

more interested in selling Jap-

anese cars than buying British ships and noted that the cor-

poration had a catalogue of more than a hundred ship

designs which were constantly

being updated.

Most of the corporation's medium and large yards placed an emphasis on series produc-

tion of merchant ships since

this achieved economies of scale and enabled British Ship-builders to remain within the right financial limits laid down

Grand Met, like some other major hotel groups, has been carrying out considerable re-furbishing of its properties, as some of the best profit mar-

gins have centred on four-star hotels. Rebuilding work to create the New Mandeville and

New Berners, two hotels just north of Oxford Street, cost

around £6m recently.

The company has also been on the takeover trail for hotels

in Paris and Copenhagen. The Grand Metronolitan Group had

a heavy capital spending pro-

gramme of around £125m last year but has slashed its gearing from 66 per cent to 421 per cent, leavin git plenty of scope

for taking advantage of growth

Mr Graham Lewis, the hotels division chief executive, bas

said that the company is look-ing out for hotel sites in Britain

that allow for a combination of

tourism and commercial traffic.

Chrysanta, whose senior director is Mr Angop Singh

Vohra, has been in London for

worra, has been in London tor more than five years and oper-ates the Regency Hotel in Queens Gate and the Hotel Eden. It is a private company and appears to be Jiming ar setting up a chain of London basels.

opportunities.

British Shipbuilders said that

the committee had been over-influenced by its oil industry representatives while the oil industry members felt that the trade unionists had not fully understood the workings of the offshore industry.

Neither Mr Miller nor Mr Lyons had been particularly good attenders at meetings, Mr Miller attending only four out of a possible 40 and Mr Lyons attending 19 times, but for 14 of those, only for half a day.

The committee recommended that the Department of Energy should be suitably strengthened by extra staff to improve its regulation of offshore safety. It upheld the principle of independent granting of certificates of critical features of offshore

It proposed that United Kingdom civil and criminal law should be applied to vessels engaged in pipelines. The government should also consider enlarging the safety comes around off-hors installation. safety zones around offshore installations which currently prevent ships from going in closer than 500 metres.

The Department should also consider as a matter of urgency establishing a safety zone around mobile drilling and around seabed well heads.

Divers and supervisers should in future

be required to undergo approved training and certification and have regular retrain-ing. A central register of those qualified to dive should be kept.

Nicholas Hirst

From Peter Norman
Brussels, March 6
The European Commission
has revised its forecast of the
EEC's 1980 current account balance of payments deficit sharply upwards to 14,200 mil-lion units of account (£8,800m) from the 4,000 million EUA level forecast in its recent

line with other forecasting bodies in predicting a grim period for the British economy. period for the British economy.

It predicts that Britain will be the only Community country to experience a pronounced recession and forecasts a 2.5 per cent drop in gruss domestic product this year. This decline is helf a percentage point higher than that forecast recently by the that forecast recently by the Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and compares with real gdp increases of between 1 and 2.1 per cent forecast for most of Britain's Community

partners. The Commission also expects Britain to have the worst per-formance in terms of inflation, forecasting a consumer price rise of 18.9 per cent compared with 17.1 per cent in Italy, 12.1 per cent in France, just under 7 per cent in the Benelux countries and 5 per cent in

West Germany. Unlike the OECD, which fore cast a small surplus for Britain on its current account balance of payments, the Commission expects a deficit of 2,300 million

of the macro economic policy must be maintained in the EEC, although it urges that in energy policy there must be greater efforts in all member states and at the Community level to pro-duce alternative supplies and cut consumption.

It gives a warning that Europe's population must as a

long as oil consumption habits are not changed. After almost a year of opera-

Commission **forecasts** much larger **EEC Deficit**

annual report.

Because of the steep rise in oil prices the Commission now

expects that the Community's real economic growth rate will be 1.2 per cent this year, against 2 per cent in the earlier forecast, while the average in-flation rate is estimated at 11.3 per cent, two points higher than in the annual report.

The oil price increases have

worsened prospects for employ-ment, with the average unem-ployment rate expected to increase to 6.4 per cent in the Community from 5.6 per cent last year.
The Commission falls into

units of account (£1,426m).
In general, the Commission believes that the basic stance

whole accept a loss in real income to the oil producers as

tion of the European monetary system, the Commission notes that the amount of instability in exchange rates between the Financial News, page 26 two thirds.

PO parcel postings may touch five-year high

yesterday.

Building on the suuccessful time when the Post Office is in base established in the parcels business, the Post Office now review of its activities in ad believes that it can extend the improvement to the letters serwice. Parcel postings this year will be 10 million more than in the previous financial year, ac-cording to Mr Denis Roberts, managing director. Posts. It will

be the best figure for five years. Four years and the parcels business made a loss of £40m and the turnround has been at-tributed to a combination of competitive pricing, changed oranization, better productivity tions to the appropriate busi-and vigorous marketing. necess and a reorganization of According to Mr Roberts, the

Parce traffic handled by the Post Office parcels business is Post Office will reach a fiveyear high in the current financial year with inland parcel
postings expected to exceed 170
million, the Post Office said
like and private sectors.

The improvements come at a

> the triboes of a major internal review of its activities in ad vance of the Government's plans to separate the postal and telecommunications operations A Eill is expected to be intro-duced this autumn and the or-ganization's views of the proposed changes are to be sub mitted to the Government next month.

> But aiready some changes are being implemented and these in-Ireland, the progressive transfer of central headquarters func

Firestone site on market

By Our Estates Correspondent her to close its Brentford opera-A price of 523m has been placed on the old Firestone industrial warehouse and office complex, which is a prominent landmark beside the Great West Road at Bremford, Middlesex. Formerly the European head-

quarters of the Firestone Tire

ham, North Wales. The Brentford site provides

about 1,100,000 sq ft of build-ings on a site of 28.2 acres. Major units include the main factory of 680,000 sq ft. add tional industrial premises of 123,000 sq ft, a single storey technologists that problem de-warehouse of 185,000 sq ft and fining is a report and respect-offices of about 60,000 sq ft. and Rubber Co, the premises became redundant when the decided last Novem-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How economic expectations influence the market

From Mr Roy Batchelor and Mr Geojjrev E. Wood

Geojirev E. Wood

Sir, Roger Opie (February 21)
makes two points on which market and nonmarket economists
can agree. He also perpetrates
a fallacy in his criticism of our
description of how expectations
affect market behaviour (February 8). At a time when the
value of monetary targets and the problems of switching from direct to indirect taxation are being seriously debated in terms of the effects of inflation expectations on real economic prosperity, we cannot let this

Let us start with points of agreement. First, the authori-ties' tactics in creating and ex-ploiting transient changes in expectations about gilts prices undoubtedly raise interest rates for short periods above their equilibrium levels, Indeed our October 1979 Annual Monetary Review contained extensive criticism of such gilts marketing techniques. These tactics explain why minimum lending rate was in November 1979 raised above

its anticipated value of 15-16 to inflation expectations per cent though not why marvides another illustration ket rates have subsequently fol. Opic cites evidence that

lowed it upwards. Second, natural rates of in-terest and unemployment—the rates consistent with correctly anticipated inflation—are not fixed numbers. Increased un-employment benefits, uncertainties caused by ervatic monetary policies, and the aggressive use of union monopoly power clearly raised the latter in the 1970s. Actions to improve the efficiency of capital and labour markets will reduce such natural rates. Reflation will not

Mr Opie is puzzled by our view that market relationships are not destroyed by the effects of expectations about economic policy. We maintain this view because expectations demonstrably have a systematic, predictable, effect on behaviour.
There is, for example, a general
expectation of an increase in
excise duties in the coming
Budget. The result is an understandable increase in sales of

plain the current high m rates of interest, without tioning that the evidence of from another time (1870. and another place (the U States).

These were years when refell as well as rose, and economy concerned was vulnerable to external sures. Today, in the UKingdom, continuous infligion the rule, and movement the external sures. the sterling exchange rate-counting the effects of I Sea oil—ensure that ex-tions of monetary indisciare very quickly consoli-into interest rates and, in into domestic prices and w Yours faithfully, ROY BATCHELOR, GEOFFREY E. WOOD, Centre for Banking and International Finance, The City University, Northampton Square, London EC1V OHB,

Monetarisi

'-the best

guidelines'

From Mr Robert Williams

Sir, As a partner in a California business ve smarting from the effec the Fed's bard money;

(short-term private loans per cent), I am neverthel

support of a mone approach to curbing inflat

We must recognize the mic nature of an econom

develop policies according

ernment of the day turn blind eye to the ru "social Darwinism" of

robber barons but this ended when social pre-forced improvement in d

of the exploited labour One result was more c by central government.

Keynsian economics

vided for a new deal i post-depression 1930s alcorecovery was by no complete at the outbre the Second World War, the war, the same prix have enabled successive perments to spend their

ernments to spend their out of inflation; a do

which has served its times is no longer satisfactory period when spare capacithe economy—available administrators of the 11

can so longer be relied

another approach is no

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ning in this era of post-

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'Excess profits' and the clearing banks

From Mr R. G. Opie Sir, You report (March 4) that the clearing banks are prepar-ing their "defence against ex-cess profits accusations". What funny feliows bankers are : why on earth do they need to defend their profits? Profits are the proper reward for risk-taking, initiative, enterprise and successful competition. I am sure that all your readers will recognize instantly how well these qualities apply to our clearers.

Or perhaps we have underestimated their sense of humour. Increases in profits of a mere 49 per cent and 44 per cent are seen by the general manager of National Westminster as a "problem of presen-tation". A spokesman for Bar-

clays suggests that "other clays suggests that other people's poor performance highlights our good results". Has neither of them noticed that the reasons for his "good results" are solely the astronomic interest rates "other people" are baving to pay the banks, and the Chancellor's policies which was monetary contracwhich use monetary contrac-tion, and hence high rates, as the proximate method of dis-ciplining those "other people". I look forward to the ban-

kers playing with our credulity during the couring weeks. Rab-bits always behave oddly in the spring. Yours faithfully, R. G. OPIE,

Diminishing cost of CAP From Mr Ralph Howell, MP EM AT 1979 SURVEY FIGURES

for Norfolk, North (Conservative) Dear Sir.

A great many people continue to complain of the unbearable cost of our membership of the EEC and of the common agricultural policy in particular.

penditure on EEC contributions and support for agriculture, fisheries, food and forestry is expected to be £536m less in 1979/80 than in 1974/75. The following figures, taken from the White Paper—The Government's Expenditure Plans 1980-81—Cmnd 7746, November 1979 — demonstrate There are few other areas of government expenditure where similar savings are forecast. RALPH HOWELL, that these claims are false and House of Commons,

House insurance cover

Sir, Dr Robert Bowles (February 19) wishes to remain in Shire Lane, Lyme Regis, and to rebuild his house there, so he is glad that his insurance company forced him to pay premiums on the bases of replacement value.

But I live in a "semi" on a housing estate built in thirties. The accommodation satisfies my needs, but there are thousands like it in this area of Kent and all I would want in the event of total destruction would be the market value of the property and a cash settlement within, say,

move into a soon as possible.

Therefore the combined

Partial destruction is, of course, much more complicated. But the assumption that every one wishes to replace everything is false; and the older one is, the more ridiculous that assumption becomes. Nevertheless it is a very profitable sales technique for the companies concerned and, as for as I know only the Trustee. far as I know, only the Trustee Savings Benk offers a satisfactory alternative. S. M. LIDDALL,

41 Swaffield Road,

A way to curb imports

From Mr Reginald W. Bloore Sir, We have seen during recent weeks a number of advertise-ments showing the messive penetration of the home market by imported goods. These statisucs only emphasize the situation in a part of the market and it is sad to know that the same penetrations have taken place elsewhere in foodsruffs and other products.

We have also heard calls for protection coming from management and labour. I submit that protection can only be justified where the competition can be proved to be unfair either by reasons of hidden subsidies or dumping.

Where the competition from overseas arises from either

better marketing techniques then protection must never be the answer, because if it is epplied it can only shield the inefficient and protect the lazy.

I consider, Sir, that these advertisements will have done a most useful job if they point out to the home manufacturers the enormous market on the doorstep which, if it is given the goods it wants, will not only save such great sums of over-seas currencies but will also be the stepping stone to our own increased exports. Yours faithfully. REGINALD W. BLOORE, Little Court,

Educating firm to understand the micro-chip

From Mr Brian H. Ashwe Sir, Mr Scouller in his of February 13 propos "Centre of Excellence" for fessor Shepherd wrote of centre in Milton Keynes company is moving to Coter in early Murch and in the company of the centre of t ung up a centre for educand information in m and information in m.
There is no doubt that
centres are urgently rec. and that they must offs partial advice to comp debating their future us micros.

If the micro does make impact that we are led t lieve will occur, the effec-be more dramatic than the the industrial revolution must encourage gensible st before it is too kite and panies rush in only to I their actions at leisure. Yours faithfully, BRIAN H. ASHWORTH. Managing Director, Computer Aid For Manage 155 Great Portland Street, London WIN SAD.

February 22

Bridging the gap between education and industry

Penny Piot,

Sir, Sir Campbell Adamson, and many other distinguished sig-natories, comment in their statement (February 27) on the mismatch between the educational needs of the nation— particularly manufacturing in-dustry—and the present educa-tional system. This comment is both timely and useful and I would make three points, con-structive I hope, on the tech-

First, we main our scientists and engineers as problem solvers. They are set problems in examinations at school, at university and even if they pur-sue post-graduate research. sue post-graduate research.
They enter industry and discover, with a sense of shock and disillusionment, that all too often the real problem is to discern the real problem. Worse still, once the problem is properly defined it may crove to be only partly technical. It would help to convince young

for any industrial technologist when the application of his ideas depends on the decision of a senior manager who has little senior manager who has nittle time to read and assimilate a detailed technical document however cogently written. Unhappily many technologists are not verbally articulate enough to present and sell their ideas coicely when face to face with

crisply when face to face with those who must act upon them Perhaps the weekly creay set by univer ity supervisors or tutors in the scientific disci-plines, could more frequently be replaced by a verbal presentation of the student's understanding of a tonic. This might even take place in the presence of a guest supervisor who has no detailed knowledge of the subject.

Finally, industry could contribute by giving wider publi-city to its essential technological interests. Most manufactur-

powers if—perhaps through ing processes and the rest case studies—they were introduced to this fact of life at an carlier stage in their education.

Secondly, there comes a day several academic discipline products require underpit by certain core technols. These are usually a blen several academic discipline may yet be sufficiently ge in their applicability be readily recognized academics as a definable of knowledge. Fracture r anics, microelectronic co systems, non-destructive tefor example, are of vital corn to the engineering ind but in many educational e lishments training the tec jects receive less attention they mout. Industry sh analyse its needs and devel

consensus on its educat priorities to assist the univ ties in their task. D. A. MELFORD, Director of research and de ceneral manager, TI Research Laboratories, Hinxton Hall,

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Sterling takes the strain

The dollar continued to hold the centre of the stage in financial markets yesterday, making further progress against nearly all major currencies. Rumours of a further sharp increase in the United States discount rate were rife and interest rates in the Eurodollar market rose sharply, the three and six month rates moving smartly ahead of the comparable sterling rates.

Sterling, however, after a volatile day, finished in relatively good shape and United Kingdom interest rates were, if anything, a touch easier again. Even so, yesterday's further advance in dollar rates certainly adds an extra dimension to the problems facing the domestic authorities. It remains to be seen whether they will have anything to say about the domestic liquidity -situation today or wait a few days longer to assess developments on the international

Certainly, all the evidence to date suggests that sterling is behaving in a very resilient fashion; but yesterday's balance of payments figures provide a sharp reminder that the increase in non-resident holdings of sterling assets last year was of a size that could make life distinctly uncom-fortable were there to be any serious reversal of confidence.

Meanwhile, the latest Department of Industry survey of company liquidity under-lines the cash squeeze on manufacturing industry. It shows current financial assets as 71 per cent of current liabilities, the lowest liquidity ratio since mid-1975. In part that must reflect the stage of the cycle -substantial involuntary stockbuildingbut it must still be a cause for concern.

Shell '

Beneath the stock profits

The United States oil majors have already shown the sort of windfall profits they are capable of from the higher oil prices seen in 1979, even though their access to cheap-er crude supplies is tempered by domestic price controls. Now the Europeans appear to be purting them in the shade.

Yesterday, the French Total group aunounced a near five-fold increase in profits and Shell came up with a much better than expected near three-fold rise in its net income.

"Shell" has managed to maintain the marked third quarter upturn in profitability into the fourth. With fourth quarter net income rising from £399m the previous year



Mr Peter Baxendell, chairman of Shell Transport and Trading.

to £1,003m the tally for the year goes up from £1,086m to £3,051m, compared with market estimates that went no higher than

What appears to have upset analysts fore-asts has been the way product margins have held up despite the softening of de-mand and a mild winter. The effect of ast year's retroactive Opec price rises also appears to have been underestimated since there is some confusion about how Shell calculates the effect of stock appreciation netween the LIFO and FIFO methods of stock valuation. Because realized stock appreciation tends to be rather less when prices are rising, the market seems to have

undershot the fifo adjustment.

Meanwhile, stripping our all the usual complications in the fourth quarter—the FIFO adjustment, currency gains and the deferred tax bonus shows net income of 1400m, some £26m down on the third quarer and only £26m ahead of the same period or last year, and very little different from the quarterly figures all year. stock profits of £1,120m, currency gains of building fast reactors and those £176m and £138m worth of deferred tax transforms the underlying improvement reactors would make technical transforms the underlying improvement into a gain of just under 30 per cent to £1,617m against the published £3,051m.

For the current year, with stock levels of 79 days "Shell" is apparently not suffering from the Opec crude cutbacks and so far margins in the first quarter of 1980 are holding up. But without stock profits and the easing of demand Shell will see an inevitable drop in profits this year with most estimates pitched at around £2,000m where the prospective p/e ratio at 402p is still under 6 and the yield 6.7 per cent.
Increasingly "Shell's" virtues as an up-

stream producer as its substantial gas interests start to pay off over the next year or so and its non-Opec oil supplies come through are starting to alter investment sentiment which always used to be suspicious of its downstream vulnerability.

Another

dawn There have been false dawns before, but

surely this time Plessey is set to emerge from the profits gloom of the last five years. The market has certainly been moving cautiously towards this view over the last year, and third-quarter figures will not deter the optimists. Boosted by recovery from the strike-hir second-quarter which left interim results a shade down, profits at the ninemonth stage are 7.6 per cent ahead at £35.4m despite the absence of a £7m plus associates contribution from the former ICL stake.

More significantly, having rid itself of major lossmakers like Garrard, Plessey has pushed operating profits up 31 per cent to £40m on sales 13 per cent higher at £526m.

A total of £52m pre-tax for the full-year now looks in range which would put the shares, up 2p to 147p yesterday on a p/e ratio of 10 rising to 14 fully-taxed and yielding possibly 6.8 per cent. Further support should be forthcoming given that next year's target could be over £65m.

At the same time it is still not clear whether Plessey on its own can become the truly major force in electronics that its technological spread should justify. The balance sheet is now healthy but funding present expansion in telecommunications and electronic systems particularly in the aerospace field will not leave much room for ploughing cash into risky developments at the high technology end of the industry. But this should not deter investors, given

that Plessey, if it becomes stretched for cash, will not want for suitors. Racal has enough on its hands with Decca for the time being, if it ever could have afforded Plessey, but GEC still looms in the background along with ITT's new-quoted United Kingdom arm STC.

GEC

Thoughts for the future

Meanwhile, Hoare Govett, have been putting flesh on General Electric Company's ideas about restructuring the company, possibly

The general idea is that in separate quoted parts GEC might be worth more in stock market terms than the present capitalization of the company. The figures are worth looking at because the Government is attracted by the concept of de-merging and also because in financial and managerial -though not necessarily industrial-terms the operation could be worth doing.

By looking at GEC as six distinct product groups of which Marconi Electronics would be by far the biggest, it is possible to put a market valuation on each by comparing it to similar quoted companies. This would apparently produce a market worth of £1.74 billion which with the £600m of cash white whe like the proof of the state of £2.34 billion in the kitty would give a total of £2.34 billion compared to the current market value of £2.05 billion the addition to shareholders would be some £300m or around 57p a share: But restructuring could be also done differently. And it is not impossible to

imagine a scenario where far from splitting up GEC goes for size. Its cash resources could certainly be useful in, for example, the United States even if Monopolies laws For the year as a whole, the exclusion of leave little room for expansion at home.

Planning for a nuclear trade balance

A regulated nuclear "balance trade" between countries and economic sense, would con-serve uranium and plutonium resources, and would help to minimize the risk of proliferation of ouclear weapons.

This in essence is the message which was given recently in lectures at Salford University and at the Royal Institution, London, by Dr Walter Marshall, deputy chairman of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority. Though the detailed calculations are complicated the Marshall plan gives a clear guide to the basic processes which will be at the heart of the continuing nuclear

.Uranium is used as the fuel in thermal reactors, producing heat and electricity from a controlled chain reaction caused when uranium nuclei are bom-barded by neutrons. The process also produces plutonium, and plutonium is needed to start up fast breeder reactors. Though there are only two main reactor types—thermal and fast—variations in the sequence of fuel usage (that is, the fuel cycle) give a total of

five basic options. First, the so-called "oucethrough" cycle, in which spent fuel is removed from the thermal reactor and simply stored without reprocessing. This spent fuel contains both uranium and plutonium, but is

treated as waste and retained on site. This is uneconomic, wastes resources and, if many countries and sites are involved. could pose security dangers.
Second, the "reprocessing cycle", in which the spene fuel is sent to a reprocessing plant where the uranium and pluwhere the uranium and plu-tonium are separated out. The uranium is recycled back to an enrichment plant to make new thermal-reactor fuel, and the plutonium is stored.

Third, both the uranium and the plutonium can be recycled to provide new fuel for the

known as "thermal recycle".

Fourth, the plutonium obtained from the operation of thermal reactors can be used to launch the operation of a fast reactor. Fifth, the fast reactor, once

the thermal reactor.

core (of mixed uranium-plutonium oxide fuel) is sur-rounded by a "blanket" of uranium oxide. The plutonium is incinerated in the core;

photonium in the core inevitable, the production plutonium in the blanket optional, Dr Marshall points out. Even when the net effect is a gain and not a loss, the amount of plutonium produced is less than on thermal reactors.

Is less than on thermal reactors.

In other words, "fast breeder reactors do not breed fast; they simply use fast neutrons and breed rather slowly".

Thus plutonium supplies will be a big limiting factor in deciding how many new fast reactors can be installed. This potential bottleneck in plutonium supplies makes an inter-

"Thermal reactor countries" would sell spent fuel for which they had no use to "fast reactor countries" for fair payment. This would give the selling countries an economic benefit and would conserve energy resources, both from the re-use of the spent fuel and by enabling more fast reactors to be installed than would otherwise

market in spent fuel free international controls. The

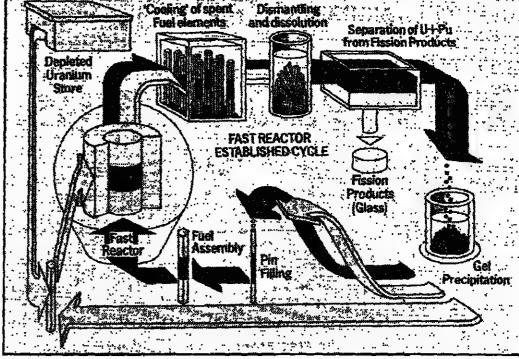
launched, is self-sufficient and indeed may make some excess plutonium year by year, Thus it is much more efficient than In the fast reactor, a central

depending on the design, further plutonium may be created (as neutrons escape from the core) in the blanket. While the incineration of

nium supplies makes an international trade in spent fuel attractive on several grounds. "Thermal reactor countries"

be possible.
Dr Mershell is not advocating

use of plutonium would have to be accompanied by institu-tional arrangements such as the International Atomic Energy



Once the operation of a fast reactor has been established, the fuel cycle (above) includes the separation of uranium and plutonium from the spent fuel, vitrification of waste products in glass, and refabrication of the uranium and plutonium into new fuel escemblies

Agency safeguards on spent fuel and plutonium, and IAEAapproved arrangements for the physical protection of the

There is also a strong case for the international management and supervision of separated plutonium throughout the world. The transfer of materials must be carefully supervised and monitored from reactor to reprocessing plant, to fabrication plant and back to the reactor.

This trade would also have the effect of concentrating the use of plutonium voluntarily into a few countries, which would be valuable in helping to minimize the risk of nuclear-weapons proliferation. It would no longer be in the economic self-interest of those countries are the contribution of the countries are the countries. without a plutonium technology

to develop one.

Dr Marshall admits that proliferation is a political rather
than a technical issue. But by
working towards this sort of balance of nuclear trade, he argues, a framework can be sat up which will rely not on the

but on voluntary self-interest. The scheme assumes that a number of countries will set up big reprocessing plants and offer an economical service to the rest of the world. This enables trade to take place in spent thermal reactor fuel and in fast reactor fuel assemblies. Once these two steps have been taken it will, for a long time, be in the economic self-interest of

the smaller countries to operate

thermal reactors and not have

either reprocessing plants or fast reactor plants of their own. The proposals will clearly fail if either reprocessing plants or fast reactors are delayed too long; if those countries with reprocessing plants do not give a sensibly priced service to other countries; and if those countries operating fast reactors do not give fair value for the spent thermal reactor fuel they require. And they will fail in the absence of a sufficiently secure

Appropriate international

uranium market, offering adequate guarantees of security of

supply to the thermal reactor

enforced denial of technology arrangements also will be required to ensure that plutonium and spent fuel cannot be diverted undetected from civil nuclear programmes.
"We have the time for them

to evolve properly", Dr Mar-shall concludes, "but, unless the role of the fast reactor is better understood than it is at present, there is a danger that every government will strive for nuclear power independence insead of nuclear power interdependence.

The Marshall plan will depend for its success on finding a fair price for spent thermal reactor fuel. This price will be related to the economic advantage of the fast reactor over the thermal reactor for any given

uranium ore price.
Dr Marshall's thesis is concerned with the international
picture and not with any decision on when would be the right time for the United Kingdom to build fast reactors. There is no point in launching fast-reactors if it is uneconomic to

Kenneth Owen

David Blake

Where will Mrs Thatcher wield the axe this time?

One of the most widely believed myths about the econ-omy is that during the 1970s we increased public spending on over-optimistic assumptions about growth.

The result, it is believed, is

that the public sector has been absorbing an increasing share of our national resources. Both opponents and defenders of public spending are usually happy to assume that its impormance in the national economy, for good or ill, has increased over the past decade.

As a new round of political debate is about to begin on the Government's spending plans it is worth getting the facts clear. Total public spending in real terms this year is considerably lower than it was in the financial year 1974-75 and

cantly.

Perhaps even more remarkably, the consumption of goods and services by the public sector as a whole is lower now than it was in the financial year 1973-74, before Labour came into office committed to

a dramatic increase in public spending. The only significant area of growth has been the payment of transfers (such as pensions) and subsidies (such as council rents). Yet in terms of assessing the

As a new round of political direct economic impact of the debate is about to begin on the Government's spending plans for the next five years (due to be published in Budget week) to over 30 per cent in 1974-75 but has been declining since. The very sharp dip recorded in 1977-78 was due in part to distortions caused by the treat-ment of lending to nationalized its proportion of the national

THE CHANGING PATTERN OF PUBLIC SPENDING IN THE ECONOMY

Total public consumption of	(As % 1873/4	of gross 1974/6	domestic 1973/6	product) 1876/7	1977/8	1978/
goods and services (of which)	27	30	30%	27‡	24	251
Current spending Capital spending	18) 8)	20} 9 \$	211 21	20) 7)	19 <u>2</u> 41	1 91 6
Transfers and subsidiaries	123	15	15‡	15	14#	15
Total cubils	401	46	461	44	401	42

Within the global total of public consumption, there has also been a quite remarkable shift. The past five years have been marked by a series of cuts which have had a particular impact on government capital programmes.

The reason for this is plain.
It is much easier to avoid building a new hospital than it is to close down an old one with the consequent problem of redundancies. But the cumula-tive effect of these changes over the years has been to distort the pattern of public spending. Capital expenditure has fallen very dramatically, to a level where there must be serious doubts about whether it would

not have been more effective in the long run to try to shift resources from current consumption to capital spending. But even cuts in current consumption are clearly hard to achieve. Many of the large programmes in the public sec-tor, such as health and higher

that even when people have

education, are provided privately in some countries.

The American experience is

to pay for services as they use them, the demand for things them, the demand for things such as health care has risen much more sharply in recent years than for other things in the economy. So in the United Kingdom, where the health service is publicly funded, we would expect to see a rising proportion of national output going on this sector and, as a result, a growing share of output absorbed by the public sector as a whole.

Even if only current consumption is taken into account, that has not happened. After a short sharp increase in the mid-1970s, current consumption by the total public sector as a propor-tion of national output has drifted downwards.

trying to cut, as opposed to holding down the level of pub-lic spending is likely to be very difficult. When in opposition the stated goal was to felt it had to keep its pledges bring down total spending to crim public spending. gradually to the 1977.78 level. But the new cash limits are According to the Government White Paper published in

November, spending during the current financial year is running about 6 per cent above that level, or just over £4,000m more in money terms. Where can cuts of this order be achieved? It is difficult to

see them being found by reducing capital spending, since very little of that The one obvious there is -aiready. possible exception to this is housing, where sharp reduc-tions in the investment prowhere sharp reducgramme do seem to have been agreed in Cabinet. There must also be doubts

about whether it will really prove possible to achieve sub-stantial cuts in current consumption.
One of the most striking

features of total government spending on consumption is that its share of national out-put in 1979 was very little changed (23.3 per cent com-pared to 22.2 per cent) from the level in 1970. These figures exclude nationalized industries and other public corporations which are included in the table. It is a measure of the difficulty the Government has had

in agreeing on where to cet spending that it seems to be planning to set such tight cash limits on its programmes as to impose cuts of around £1,000m. This is a very odd way for a Government to behave. On taking office, cash limits were

So the task of a government the time of the Budget in June. plans of the previous Government for 1979-30 and the new

> But the new cash limits are not being applied to plans inherited from Labour. They are being used to cut pro-grammes already worked over not once but twice by the present Cabinet. If they could not find ways of curting the programmes, it is difficult to see how Civil Service administrators should be expected to

Where could substantial reductions in the total level of public spending come? The answer, realistically, has to be in transfer payments and other subsidies if they are to come at all.

This was recognised by the Treasury, which pressed for a decision to break the link which guarantees that a whole range of benefits will go up in line with pay or prices. (A first step along this road is the change in the terms of pensions' indexation, which in future are only guaranteed to rise as sharply as prices.)

Cutting down on subsidies and other transfers has a strong appeal to those who would like see greater reliance on the market: it could be combined with the increased reliance on charges implied by the decision to index prescription charges.

But it is a long way from the belief that the public sector had boosted its size sharply and Government to behave. On taking office, cash limits were used to impose cuts of around f1,000m on the plans inherited from Labour.

This was understandable. By coosted its size snarply and was easy to prune. The squeals of agony over every change in its spending plans which the Government is bringing forward show what a difficult task that cutting will be.

Business Diary: The price of peace • Gilchrist going East?

London's posher estate agents. Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary are enjoying a wave of interest of State for Industry, and his

Hampton equity partner,

Hampton equity partner,

Hamilton Verschoyle tells

Business Diary: They often

my something else for their

riends as well." One client is now talking about five properties, each in the £500,000 pracket.

According to Verschoyle, the newcomers are moving our of he United States not only be-ause of a lirtle local difficulty. here. "I think they prefer An Irish brewery, Guinness, ondon-it's more like a club is using an English pub game,

ranian DPs—as well as the cus-omary flock of Middle asserners and the occasional reek is South Lodge in inghtsbridge where 26 houses re being built: these start at 550,000. Were there any british buyers? we asked reschoole raised a politic eyenew; it was obviously a silly

re enjoying a wave of interest of State for Industry, and his rom Iranian exiles seeking new somes. Most come not from the United the moment over their inability to find someone to succeed age episode is spawning such Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin as charming artefacts as Nuke the Iranians tee shirts now sidized British Shipbuilders one to popular in California. Hampton & Sons, the May shipbuilders, however, appears air agents, report at least one to have no trouble at all in approach a day by telephone, accruiting a top man—from British Shipbuilders. Sir an person, or by telex from a British Shipbuilders. Sir an property is not enough. Hampton equity partner, would be ever so pleased if he would be some the sould be ever so pleased if he would be ever so pleased if would accept a short extension to his present contract which expires this month—and the signs are that he will do his duty. Meanwhile one of the BS old boys has, landed, I hear, a coping root with Sir John Diese. senior post with Sir John Russes Vosper group now locked in bitter battle with the Govern-ment over the failure to secure

compensation payments still, no one can complain darts, to promote its wares in one of Europe's most hoth contested markets, West Gernem of some interest to the ranian DPs—as well as the customary. many. Germans seem to be taking to the sport with pre-dictable specific gravity. More than 250 clubs have been set up in pubs up and down the

country and there is now a parional championship.

Reports from wholesalers of sporting goods in continental Entrope suggest that British are corrected days and affind equip-



Shipbuilder Archie Gilchrist: missing, believed hired.

The word on the bridge is that Archie Gilchrist, former chief executive of Govan Shipbuilders sacked by BS last year, is about to leave Scotland for the Far East to take on a senior post in the Vosper organization in Singapore.

Gilchrist, who was teed off by his treatment at the hands of the BS board, was said yesterday to be overseas. In Singapore, I presume. Philippe Guérin (right). financial director of Moet-

Hennessy, was in town yesterday for the appointment of Patrick Forbes, MD of ?loët & Chandon (London) as regional coordinator of M-H's British interests. Gueria is after an acquisition. I suggested a Scotch to so with the champers and the cognac. Guerin gave a Gallic shrug; he'd been offered Highland Distilleries, blenders of The Famous Grouse, at the time of the Hiram Walker bid but said "Non". M-H, he says, already finances stocks of 150 million bottles of maturing boars and does not need a less obviously a silly uestion.

The Shah led the way to the factoried States just before the but for the moment there is at evolution when he and his least one small part of British at line of the Hiram Walker bid but said "Non". M-H, he says, already finances stocks of 150 million bottles of maturing booze and does not need a whisky chaser. He may go for a French perfume house to complement the Dior and RoC interests.





Well, two years ago a team of Chinese steelmen toured

Europe looking for plants to buy, only to return home

dejected Earlier this year another

Chinese mission again set our and scoured the market in America, Japan and France.

The Chinese have now taken an option on parts of three second-hand French plants. The French companies will dismantle the

Moet Hennessy's Philippe Guérin in London yesterday.

Now that British Steel is For David Bache, the forth-over its £450m spending limit coming launch this October of because of the strike, perhaps the corporation may consider following the example of the low-in his career as it does in low—in his career as it does in the fortunes of British Leyland itself. Bache is BL's styling director and he is the man to whom it has fallen to style the Metro, the new Mini-plus car upon which much of BL's hopes reside.
Bache it was who styled the

3-litre Rover of the mid-50s, and that other BL classic, the Range Rover. He does not have the influence that the late Alec Issigonis had over the production of the Mini, but he is nonetheless a key figure in the success or otherwise of the Metro—the first visible fruits in BL's car division of all the public money that has gone into the group in recent years.

plants, transport them to China and re-erect them in working order. Honourable Bill Sirs, and Metro, by the way, will complement rather than replace the Mini: it will be a hatchback. with bigger wheels and more room inside. Sir Charles Villiers, please note.

Whereas the Mini is really a town runabout, the Metro is conceived as a family car that will be more comfortable for longer runs. It is a five-seater. The back seat can take three, and is divided soa single back seat will let down as will the remaining two-thirds, or all three places.

I am continually edified by British Business, the weekly publication of the Departments of Trade and Industry—and never more so than this week, when the paper contains advertisements from a car hire company extolling its German Daimler limousines and Mercedes saloons.

Ross Davies

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Gilts unsettled by US prime rate fears

Further fears over United States prime rates and a series of bearish rumours among oils provided for a dull session in

the market yesterday.

Equities were mostly easier, having failed to find inspiration while gilts encountered profit taking after Wednesday's sharp recovery.

Things were not helped by the fact that the account draws to a close today with many dealers still holding large bull positions. However, while little selling was reported there was not much buying either with the market being left very much to its own devices. As a result it drifted gently to a close 2.4 down on the day at 458.0 after 2.9 at 3 pm.

full year figures from Shell were the cause of a slightly firmer close although the Shell share price failed to benefit from the ensuing celebrations.

Gilts came in for a further bout of nervousness when after a steady start rumours of a further rise in United States prime rates pushed prices lower. Dealers reported only sporadic bouts of selling but the position then took a further turn for the worse on the

Longs ran into profit taking as prices slipped, with dealers reporting little demand for the new tap Treasury 14 per cent 1996. So that by the close falls of around a £4 to £1 were being recorded. Shorts were quieter and by the close were a £1 easier on overnight levels. Leading industrials perked up a little following Shell's announcement, but still showed

cases. Pilkington Bros dipped 8p to 218p ever comment on its recent aquisition with Unilever 7p off at 441p following recent figures. Fisons staged a small recovery, climbing 5p to 284p,

Westminster Property are firm at 43p, only 1p away from the 1979-80 high and a long way from the low of 231p. Observers expect to hear news at the pending annual meeting of the sale of a Portuguese office de-velopment. Other deals are

but Grand Metropolitan eased 2p to 135p on reports that it had sold five hotels for about Elm

But most attention again centred on oils where news and rumours had most shares in retreat. Shell's profits above most

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Hunt & Moscrop (I) 10.1(10.6)

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expectations wiped out earlier losses, but by the close the shares were 8p off at 402p after profit taking. As a result BP dipped by a similar amount to 392p, ahead of next week's figures closely attended by Ultramar &p lower and Burmah Sp lighter at 229p. Rumours that Siebens's latest

test bore in the North Sea at block 16/3, of which it holds 5 per cent, had turned out to be a dry well started a panic among the more speculative issues. As a result jobbers issues. As a result jobbers marked prices sharply lower. Siebens led the way, falling 188p to 670p followed by Aran Energy 22p to 362p, Celtic Basin 50p to 220p, Cambridge Pet 65p to 240p, Berkeley 8p to 115p and Bow Valley £1 7/16 to £22 7/16, Coolite with a stake in Siebens was also nervous in Siebens was also nervous, shedding 5p to 100p.

Rhodesian shares continued to

Latest results

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the Mugabe government in Rhodesia might not be as bad

Rhodesia might not be as bad as first thought.

Southern Rhodesia 2! per cent 65-70 rose £6 to £128.

Southern Rhodesian 4} per cent 87-92 rose £3 to £73 and Southern Rhodesian 6 per cent 78-81 rose £7 to £140.

Rhodesian mines also made headway with MTD (Mangula) 5p better at 125p, Wankie 4p

5p better at 125p, Wankie 4p to 60p and Coronation Syndi-cate 15p to 398p. Elsewhere in mines the weak-ened bullion price knocked \$\frac{1}{2}\$ from Anglo Am Gold at \$86\frac{1}{2}\$

and \$1 from West Driefontein at \$791, while in financials Cons Gold improved 5p to 531p, reflecting its recent interim statement.

The record price of platinum continued to belp Rustenburg which expanded 14p to 294p while ZCI recovered some of its earlier losses, rising 1p to

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Year's

gain confidence on hopes that 44p. Speculative interest in the Mugabe government in "Aussies" featured a 15p rise in Gem Exploration at 54p. On the bid front, hopes that Owen & Owen was ready to bid for the remainder of Ely's (Wimbledon) pushed the latter's price 13p higher at 155p which in turn lifted Grant Bros 10p in

sympathy.
Shares of Norwest Holst returned from suspension 16p stronger at 134p following the agreed bid from Wexcourt while Mr Narby's latest moves to block CY Tung's bid left Furness Withy 10p lower at 13900

Sop.

Speculative interest helped Associated Fisheries 3p to 62p and Oxley Printing 5p to 39p as rumpurs of a rights issue sent Tate & Lyle 4p easier at

146p.
Disappointing trading statements left Staffordshire Potteries 3p softer at 79p and Stocklake 3p lighter at 75p while lower profits but a brighter outlook kept Needlers

firm at 44p.
Electricals were in a gloomy mood with Racal sliding 11p to 211p after the announcement of further losses to be incurred at Decca. But Plessey, with good third quarter figures, rose 2p Banks remained nervous midway through the reporting season with Barclays 8p lower at 430p accompanied by Nat West 6p off at 345p. Midland 5p to 345p and Lloyds 3p to 238p. Equity turnover on March 5, was £105.471m (16,497 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Tele-graph, were, ICI, Racal, Shell, BP, Burmah, BAT, Plessey, and

Corah profits £500,000

By Philip Robinson Profits of Corah, whose big-gest customer is Marks and Spencer, fell £500,000 last year to a shade over 13m and chair-man Mr Nicholas Corah hints that future performance could depend largely on the Govern-ment's policy on imported tex-

tiles.
Increased costs which could not be recovered by higher prices are blamed for the rerersal of a profits trend which has been climbing since the darker days of 1975-76.

Mr Corah says that unless the Government allows efficient United Kingdom textile firms to compare fairly with low-oper

compete fairly with low-cost imports, pressure on margins will continue.

Although sales rose 8.3 per cent to £39.6m, Corah is being queezed between rising costs

of wages, energy interest rates and raw materials, and the severe competition on pricing. He says that the group parti-cipated in Marks and Spencer's price cutting campaign last autume, but this did not have as adverse an effect on profits as increased VAT and unusual weather.

weather.

The group's order book for the first half of the current very is strong, and Mr Corah says that the group's significant capital investment programme, up from £1.1m to just over £2m, will increase productivity and improve convertiveness. sand improve competitiveness,
Shareholders get a 40 per
cent increase in gross total
dividend from £2.95p to 4.14p
with a 2.35p final

Mitchell Cotts held back by African problems

By Michael Prest Mitchell Cotts, the international machinery, plantations and low prices. The compar and tradin group, raised pre-tax profits by £300,000 to £2.98m in the first belf to the £2.98m in the first ball to the end of December. The small profits growth is attributed to low orders for mining machinery and plantation problems in East Africa. The shares fell ip to 47p yesterday.

Turnover went up by £3.6m to £129m, but earnings per share fell from 1.85p in the came period of 1978 to 1.74p.

same period of 1978 to 1.74p. The figures include an extraordinary item of £774,000 from the sale of Die Castings, a Midlands engineering company which Mitchell Cotts felt did not fit in with its other interents.

Interest charges, slightly up at £2.16m, reflect increased rates. The dividend is unchanged at 0.9375p gross, but Mr Phillip Dunkley, the company's chairman, says he hopes that the first payour can be that the final payout can be

rowth in profits has been the sluggish international market for mining machinery, particularly in South Africa where Mitchell Cotts has extensive interests. Mr Dunkley feels, however, that some orders could be placed in the near future. He also expects an upture in business on the back of the Australian mining boom. Another problem has been yielded a East Africa. The Kenyan rea per cent.

One

plantations were hit by unusual combination of droug Ethiopian interests are worked some disarray. But Mitch Cotts is comparatively optimate of the Uganda. Delication of the Cotts of the Uganda. ric about Uganda. Delic negotiations to bring tea pla ations back to life after i downfall of President Idi An are likely to result in a n company being set up there the next two weeks.
In the last full year Mitch

Cotts made pre-tax profits £7.16m. Analysts expect an crease this year of up to £1 The following year could se faster rise in profits, depe ing on commodity prices sorders for mining machinery.
The company is traditions oriented towards develor

countries, but in recent ye has tended to build up its behas in the United Kingdi Although the compar direct involvement in Zimbal is small investment by mines would create business its South African subsidia Freedom of communicati with Zambia would also go rate extra revenue for its tr port operations.

it is exected that Mitti Cotts will have 49 per cent to manage the four ten estin Uganda which it previou owned, In 1971, the estates a tributed about £500,000 out total profits of £6.8m yielded a return of around

Briefly

HIRST & MALLINSON

"The action we have taken has been designed to preserve the strength of the group's liquid position and cosure that we have a good hase from which to take opportunities as they arise. The halance sheet demonstrates that the group has succeeded in preserving its basic sprength and we are therefore prepared to seize profitable opportunities as we find them ": Mr M. D. Crompton, chairman of Hirst and Mallinson, in its annual statement. HIRST & MALLINSON

HUNT & MOSCROP Pretax profits of Hunt & Moscrop (Middleton) dropped from £646,000 to £208,000 in helfyear to December 31, while turn-over slipped to \$10.13m (£10.57m). Interim payment held at 0.51p, gross. Chaktuan warped last year that engineering strike would seriously bit first-bulf results.

LUNUVA (CEYLON) TEA Pretax profits of Lumiva (Ceyton) Tea & Rubber Estates rose from £153,000 to £222,000 in 1979. Total dividend raised from

DAVIES & METCALFE
Pretax profits for 1979 were
badly hit by the engineering strike
in the second half-year, falling
from £474,000 to £81,000. Total
dividend raised from 1.05p to
1.91p. Currently, orders in hand
stand at "satisfactory level".

LAW DEBENTURE CORP. Gross income for 1979, £2.02m (£1.56m). Pretax revenue, £1.46m (£1.06m). Total gross dividend. 9.28p (7.61p).

FRENCH KIER
French Kier Holdings has acquired for 5700,000 (US) a 50 per cent stake in CDK Contracting, a building and civil engineerin contractor. Ilcensed to operate throughout Western States of US.

FAMILY INV. TRUST Total gross revenue of Family investment Trust for year to January 31 last rose from £355,000 to £446,000. Total gross payment, 7.92p (6.68p).

HENRY ANSRACHER HERKY ANSHACHER
Henry Ansbacher Holdings has
sold Robert Fraser and Partners
to Mr C. J. Emson; £397,000 cash
has been received in respect of
this disposal. Further payment may
be received.

CHUBB EXPANDS
Chubb & Son's offshoot, Chubb's
Australian Co, has bought fire,
security and protection firm.
Graviner (Australia) from Wilkinson Match Australia. Price expec-ted to be about SA5m.

TAVENER RUTLEDGE Turnover for 1979, £5.64m (£6.69m). Pretax loss. £140,000, against loss of £345,000, No dividend (same). Oceans Holdings' annual report for the year to April 30, 1979, has been issued, together

Bid for Norwest Holst minority

A bid to mop-up the outstanding minority shareholding in civil engineering and building contractor Norwest Holst was launched yesterday by Mr Reymond Slater and Mr Arthur Lilley, the two directors who siready own 57.7 per cent of the ordinary shares.

The offer values the whole of Norwest at £13.5m compared with an estimated net tangible asset value of £14.7m.

Mr Slater and Mr Lilley are bidding through a private com-pany called Wexcourt which was incorporated last July and is wholly owned by their privare investment company, Dunbam Mount

The terms are 29 112 per cent redeemable cumulative preference shares, 1986, of £1, for every 20 Norwest ordinary. Taking the preference shares at par, this values each Norwest ordinary at 145p and there is also a cash equivalent worth

Results of Staffordshire Pot-teries (Holdings) dropped by a third in the first half-year to

Although turnover rose by 23

per cent to £7.07m, pretax profits dropped by 33 per cent to £305,000, after interest more than doubled to £270,000, against £109,000 last time. The

board said that a continuing re-cession in demand, coupled with

big rises in the costs of materials, services and borrow-

lags, has hit margins. In spite of earnings per share falling from 7.66p to 4.92p, the interim dividend is still being maintained at 1.61p gross. The com-

pany is well equipped techni-cally so, with the current high level of interest rates, the direc-

tors have decided to postpone planned capital investment.

markets in the early weeks of 1980—and sales in North America have jumped by 60 per cent. In 1978-79, pretax profits reached a record £1.23m.

Oceana Hldgs cut

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Sir John Paget, Chairman

Year to 31st October

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łoss but no dividend

However, they are encouraged by orders received from all

December 31.

dead of 5p net. Norwest shares came back from a three-week suspension to close 16p up on

the day at 134p.

Equivalent terms will be offered to holders of Norwest's 7 per cent convertible loan stock, which will be cancelled if the offer goes unconditional. The Wexcourt preference shares to be issued may be redeemed on three months notice at any time after December 31, 1980. Mr Slater and Mr Lilley last bid for Norwest in 1977 when the acquisition of a large share

stake forced them to make a general offer under Rule 34 of the Takeover Code. The bid was pitched below the market price and was not

Staffs Potteries' margins hit

in Dunham Mount where he still retains 25 per cent of the capital. It was Mr Brian who

paid since 1971. Oceana's chair-

man says it is up to share-bolders to decide what action to take on the offer. But he points out that Oceana's shares

were suspended at 51p. The

Greenfields Leisure, the retail, wholesele, and camping group, reports a pretax profit of £1.048m (£1.003m) for the year to October 31, 1979. In addition, the company achieved further exceptional spins of

further exceptional gains of maximum deferred taxation).

group's estates department re-

which is £4m, more than the book value. Taking into account the new valuation, the net assets are £8.4m, which is equivalent to a value of about \$0p for each ordinary share.

Last year, operating profit, before tax, of Eank Leumi Le-Israel reached 25,100m (Israel)—an increase of 130 per

Profits double at

Bank Leumi

offer is 10p cash a share.

Greenfields Leisure

property revaluation

with the official document dealing with the cash offer by Energy, Finance and General In addition, each holder of 100 Trust on behalf of Mr P. J. Doyle, a member of Oceana's board. Turnover was more than halved to £414,000, against 15893,000, but the pretax loss was cut from £136,000 to £85,000. No dividends have been raid since 1971 Oceana's chair.

but was asked to resign last This time the Independent

directors advised by N. M. Rothschild are recommending minority shereholders to accept the offer and if they do so it could prove to be the final chapter in the chequered history of Norwest.
Crucial to the value of the

is the heavy provision against losses on contracts of a which was bought in February. 1979, for £1.28m. These provisions have now wiped £5.5m off the net worth of Norwest and excluding Marshall-Andrew, Norwest is forecast to make £4m pretax in the year to March 31, which gives a fully-

taxed exit pre ratio on the offer price of only 7.
In the offer document, both intended to succeed. It was also offer price of only 7.
opposed by the then chief In the offer document, both
executive of Norwest Mr E. Price Waterhouse and RothsBrian who later joined forces child say they are unable to
with Mr Slater and Mr Lilley state whether the provisions will prove too big or too small. Norwest has issued writs s also a cash equivalent worth capital. It was Mr Brian who against the vendors of steered Norwest back to health Marshall-Andrew, but litigation In addition, shareholders will after losses of £4m in 1974-75, could take years.

slower at Sharpe By Rosemary Unsworth

Tube Investments.

Profits

growth

Greeting card manufacturer and publisher W. N. Sharpe Holdings saw its profits growth slacken off in the second half, as anticipated at the interim stage when there was a 60 per cent increase, but nevertheless

managed an 18 per cent improvement for the full year. Pre-tax profits went from £3.69m to £4.38m while turnover rose 25 per cent from £10.59m to £13.24m in the year eading December 31, 1979. Trading surplus rose by 23 per cent to £3.9m although margins were slightly reduced from £.99 per cent to £.96.

The group, which sells its The group, which sells its products under the name is Sharpe's Classic pointed out that hast year's pre-tax results included an £84,000 surplus on realization of securities. This year the group's gross income from investments declined from £443,000 to £438,000 £443,000 to £438,000.

Exports also fell during the year and contributed about £600,000 to profits although Sharpe is working on increasing its number of licensees throughout the world.

The final dividend has been lifted from 3.88p gross to 5p, making a total of 8.6p gross with the interim of 3.57p compared with 6.95p last year. Mr Norman Sharpe, the chairman, warned that although the current year's trading so far has rent year's trading so far has shown a satisfactory increase in despatches to customers, orders on hand are less than last year's exceptional levels when the

economy was more buoyant. But the group hopes to benefit this year from an extension to its range which cashes in on the current wave for nostalgia cards, and the creation of new cartoon characters, the Woofits, which are promoted by Michael Parkinson.

Protograph by John Mannin

Grand Metropolitan's turnover in the first quarter of the year ending September 30 rose substantially and will be about £2,500m in the full year after £2,100m a year ago, Mr Maxwell Joseph, the chairman, told the

Mr Joseph is pictured above (right) with Mr S. G. Grinstead

(left) and Mr Ett Sharp, joint managing directors Mr Joseph said that results

the same rate of growth as in the same rate of growth as in recent years in spite of investment of £125m last year and probably £150m this year. Higher interest rates, lower spending power and the prospect of increased excise duty caused him to be less than usually confident of the immediate outrome. diste outcome.

Capital spending this year will rise probably to about £150m from last year's £125m,

Half-time dip at Stocklake

Stocklake Holdings, wi activities range from finan to steel stockholding, is tal cautious line with the real of its Zimbabwe subsidi

BRS maintained peofits £540,000 on rurnover up f £2.7m to £3.1m, but the be consider it would be prema to consolidate these with parent company figures view of the present uncer siruation in Zimbabwe". Stocklake itself suffere

profits fall from £767,000 £560,000 in the six month changed at £11.8m. The board comments tha the United Kingdom, tra

conditions were difficult overseas, the steel stockholactivities in Africa contir satisfactorily. So far in the second

the indications are that results will be satisfacthough it "seems possi those achieved last year.

Small rise

at Galliford Industrial holding company, Galliford Brindley turned in a murginal profits increase from £1.23m to £1.29m in the six months to December 31. Turn-over rose from £23.5m to £30.4m. Mr Peter Gulliford, the chairman, said the antici-pated squeeze on margins had bit profits.

Currently demand in some sectors is poor and, along with a disappointing performance from certain subsidiaries, this makes forecasting for the full your "particularly difficult". However, the results are expected to be "satisfactory". A same-again interim dividend of 1.6p gross is being paid. A maintained full-year payment would give the shares at 69p, down 2p yesterday, a yield of 8.5 per cent.

Business appointments

Albright & Wilson names division managing director

Albright & Wilson has appointed four United Kingdom division managing directors. They are:
Mr G. R. James (phosphates), Mr M. A. Fearfield (detergents), Mr H. T. Searle (agricultural) and Dr M. B. Clark (Bush Boake Allen). Mr R. F. Naish, who has been chaltman of phosphates sector. Joins the board of Albright & Wilson. He will succeed Dr H. M. Kimberley as personnel directur when the latter retires this year.

elected to the board of Ster Winthrop Group.
Mr I. S. Wallace has appointed a director of Br. Cooper Holdings.
Mr M. Harrison has joined as managing director of IML.
Services (UK).
Mr Ronald G. Brown has appointed financial director of Canning from March 31, 1980.
Mr Patrick Forbes has made regional co-ordinator this year.

this year.

Mr J. R. Maybow-Sanders, chairman and chief executive, John Brown and Company, has been appointed as chairman of the Overseas Projects Board in succession to Mr H. W. A. Francis, who is retiring.
Mr Colin Twaite has been

made regional co-ordinator moèt Hennessy in the Ui Kingdom, responsible for group's substituties in country. He will be assisted this now position by Mr Mic Halliden.

Mr M. B. James has

appointed as company secret of Thomson Regional Newspal

Turnover rose from £11.62m to £16.58m. The total gross divi-dend is being raised from 2.8p Control Securities Dutch purchase A property revaluation by the

Control Securities has agreed

areas. This will reduce profits in the short-term, but current plans indicate that results will be seen in profits by 1982.

Mainly because of the VAT increase last June, which led to a fail in volume sales, pre-tax profits of Needlers, the Hulbased confectioners, slipped from £417,000 to £361,000 last

year. This was in spite of turn-

over rising from £5.7m to £6.16m. However, the dividend, on a gross basis, is being lifted from 3p to 3.57p. A major capital investment plan is now under

way to up-date main production

VAT increase

hits Needlers

conditionally and on the basis of terms conditionally agreed in or terms conditionally agreed in early January. to acquire from Technibau AG, of Triessen. Liechtenstein, 450 units of Vastgoedbeleggingsfonds Immofund 1962 for £252,000 to be satisfied by the issue to Technibau of 720,000 ordinary shares of Control at 350 per share of Control at 35p per share.

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per cent to £1,750m. The year's
dividend is unchanged at 16 per
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Options

The release of Shell's figures provided for a late flurry of activity in traded ontions terday as total contracts climbed from 606 to 831. Shell provided most of the

business with 209 contracts of which the July 390p series attracted most attention, Racal

also drew a lot of interest following the statement on Decca's losses with a big seller in the May 180p series reported.
Declaration day among traditional options proved busy as usual with "puts" arranged in Grand Met, Shell and New Throgmorton Warrants. "Doubles" were made in

By Michael Prest Antony Gibbs, the London merchant bank, is considering asking the Government to cut off aid to Nepul unless a £450,000 debt allegedly owed by a Nepalese company is paid. Government reaction to the idea

is likely to be cool.

The dispute goes back to a E3S0,000 loan provided by Antony Gibbs to Mahendra Sugar and General Industries in 1963 for the construction of a sugar processing plant. The principal was guaranteed "irrevocably and unconditionally" by the Nepalese Government.
Mahendra's failure to repay

led to an arbitration hearing in 1976 which awarded principal

by Mahendra, but not before the British Government had the British Government had dra remains rejuctant to ac made representations in Nepal. the arbitration decision The bank now alleges that it is

despite lengthy visits to Nepal and discussions with the Nepalese Ambassador to London it Mahendra directly. The Times has been similarly frustrated.
But Mr Mohan Panday, first secretary to the Einbasay of Nepal, said: "Since it is a disrepay, said: "Since it is a dispute between two companies, how do you expect us to pay? We have always regarded this about £10m in the principal A spokesman for the O seas Development Administion and the principal A spokesman for the O seas Development Administration and the principal A spokesman for the O season of the principal A spokesman for the O season of the principal A spokesman for the O season of the principal A spokesman for the O season of the principal A spokesman for the O season of the O se as a commercial matter.

Bank in dispute over Nepal debt " Mahendra feel they ha After enother delay of two "Mahendra feel they he years, the principal was repaid legitimate difference on claim." Mr Panday said Ma

The bank now alleges that it is still owed about £450,000 in his government's obligation interest.

Antony Cibbs claims that despite lengthy visits to Nepal despite lengthy visits to Nepal Antony Cibbs's argument. Mr Panday pointed out the kirge interest payment sulted from the Nepalese ernment's slowness in ensu repayment of the principal that it was therefore unde moral obligation to encour repayment of the principal financial year.

Directors criticized in Ozalid inquiry report

Continued from page 23

recipients were unaware of the methods used to make pay-ments. But Mr Kiely, Mr Hid-dou and Mr Brian Philip Hayman did know. However, most of the direc-

tors worked bard, travelled a lot and shareholders might well have approved the extra money if it had been disclosed. Mr Kiely told the inspectors

that it never occurred to him before the later part of 1974 that the auditors should be told of such overseas payments. He left other people to deal with such matters. It was not tended that the tax authorities should learn of the payments, and Mr Haddon had a significant role in devising how this should be done.

The method was for specially created company to provide "technical assistance"

to Ozalid for a given fee, and invoices would be prepared for the provision of services. Pay-ments would usually be made in to any one of the many direc-tors' bank accounts which were opened in Switzerland. The inspectors comment:

"We have not been permitted to see all the overseas bank accounts. Unfortunately our statutors powers in this respect are limited." The inquiry also covered the role of Singer & Friedlander, merchant bankers to Ozalid from about 1942 to 1975. The criticism relates to only one

The inspectors said that in 1972 Ozalid was courted by other bankers and Singer was on a year's trial. Ozalid sought Singer's assistance in its plan to acquire Lamson Industries at

a time when Ozalid's shares

the need for a firm share price in meeting with Mr Haddon, and Mr M. C. Stoddart, then a joint chief executive of Singer, It was agreed that Singer would support Ozalid by buying shares. However, the shares stayed below the price paid for them.

The inspectors discuss the role of the auditors. Peat Mar-The inspectors added that

The inspectors discuss the role of the auditors. Peat Marwick, Mitchell. They say: "arguably Peats should have resigned their position as auditors in 1974 or 1975 but in the end we do not think it would be fair to discretance significant. there was "some evidence that S. & F. wished to sell them and that Ozalid resisted this ". The inspector pointed out that Mr A. N. Solomous, Mr Stoddart's joint chief executive, learnt of the buying at the time a Singer he fair to direct any significant criticism at Peats." Oralid simply showed "the scope for financial mischief even with highly experienced auditors." nominee company, Sinjul Numinees, went into the market Mr Solomons told the inspectors: The report stresses the need "I had always in fact under-stood the law to be that a for a vigilant and independen company could not support it shares, but if you had no bindcompany secretary

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

International

CFP shows big rise in carnings and dividend

Net earnings of CIE Française les Petroles (CFP), the parent company of the Total Group, ncreased by 265 per cent to re971m (about £101m) last year rom Fr266m in 1978.

The company proposes to pay ner dividend of Fr15 per hare, up from Fr10 in 1978.

The groups consolidated turniver is estimated at Fr80bn, ip from Fr56.3bn a year earlier rasisflow at the end of 1979 tood at Fr9.5on, including 73.7bn of stock appreciation, compared with Fr3.328bn in 978 when there was no stock ppreciation.

Bid for McCormick

McCormick and Company of funt Valley Maryland, has received a takeover proposal rom. Sandoz for \$37 a share rash, according to McCormick chairman, Mr Harry Wells.

Mr. Wells said he advised findoz chairman, Mr Dunant the would meet him on March 12 to discuss the offer and sicCormick's board will discuss the matter at its regular meet. he matter at its regular meet-

ng on that date.

Ar Wells said there should be no inference from his meeting with Mr Dunant that there will be any transaction. He and McCormick has many mes expressed its policy of independence and management views prospects for McCormick's business and for its shareholders under that coninuing policy to be excellent, andoz has expressed interest in a merger, with McCormick everal times in the past but

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THE STANDARD LIFE **ASSURANCE** COMPANY

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held in the Head Office, 3 GEORGE STREET, EDINBURGH, on TUESDAY, 18th MARCH, 1980 at 2.30 p.m. . .

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Edinburgh ' 4th March 1980

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Wall Street

New York, March 6 .- Stocks fell in heavy trading this morning.
Declines led advances two-to-one and the Dow Jones industrial average lost two points.
Chase Manhattan Bank president Richard Aspinwall said that the Umted State prime rate could reach 19 to 20 per cent before peaking and would likely stay high through 1980. March 5: The Dow Jones in-dustrial average closed 11.60 points down at 844.88.

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Commodities

Discount market

Giving help on a small scale yesterday, the Eank of England bought Treasury bills and local authority bills direct from the discount houses and provided MLR loans overnight to two or three houses.

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Rates opened around 17 per cent and held the 161-17 per cent range for most of the day. Late in the session, after the authorities had given their assistance, rates came off in response to a modest but steady flow of funds that allowed books to be closed within bounds of 16 per cent and 16) per cent.

The chief factor against the market was the unwinding of an earlier bill purchase and resale agreement of moderate size. There was also a small net Treasury was also a small pet Treasury bill mke-up. To a fair extent, these were offset by bank balances, a small amount in surplus from Wednesday and by a small excess of Exchequer disbursements over tax transfers.

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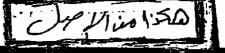
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hospital, and a man dies as a result. Eddie (Vincent Baggetta)

investigates. 10.15 The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin: Repeat showing

of the Leonard Rossiter comedy series in which he is head of a

10.50 Film: One of Those Things (1967). Drama. Roy Dotrice is the businessman involved in a hit and

run accident. Judy Geeson is the girl who tries to blackmail him. Filmed in Denmark. Ends at 12.20

tain Ted Dexter in playing the resident professionals, Lee Trevino and Ben Cremhaw over nine holes at the King's Course at Gleneagles Hotel in Scotland.

Hotel in Scotland.

10.15 An Evening with James Galway: The flautist's guests tonight are violinist Kyung-Wha Chung, the cellist Moray Welsh, the harpsichord player Calvin Simmons and opera singer Jessye Norman. We

opera singer Jessye Norman, We also hear some of the young musicians being taught by Mr Galway's brother, George.

11.05 Jazz: George Wein, creator of the Newport Jazz Festival is interviewed. Featured artistes are Grover Washington, Terry Collier and Lee Ricepour.

11.35 News and weather.

11.50 Firday Night . . . Saturday Morning: Jane Walmsley takes over the MC's role from Tim Rice who took it over from Ned Sherrin. Usually a sophisticated hour's fun and music. Close down at 12.45

10.45 News headlines

Regions



(BBC I, 8.20). She can also be seen in One of Those Things, the late film on BBC 1 (10.50)

Gavin Millar's series for movie buffs, Talking Pictures (BBC 2, 8.16) ends its present run tonight. Unlike Barry Norman's Film 80, still going strong on Monday nights, the Millar approach to films has been serious and deep-delving, and his programmes have not been so snugly tailored to fit his personality as Mr Norman's have been to accommodate this more idiosyncratic and show businesslike style. Tonight, however, it is the voice of the public we hear as much as Mr Millar's because we see the from films which viewers say were among their favourites.

of the public we hear as much as Mr Millar's because we see lips from films which viewers say were among their favourites in the 1970s. And, for jam enthusiasis who already have a naif-hour all to themselves on BBC 2 at 11.05, there will be excepts from Huns that are being screened during the National film Theatre's jam session.

9 You can tell spring is jast around the corner, for Gardeners' World is back (BBC 2, 7.10), and, as ell as the familiar greenfingers of Asthur Billitt and Dave Chappell, we now get two new faces (new to Gardeners' World, that is). The new lows at Clack's Farm are Geoffrey Smith, the indoor gardener in the Wednesday night BBC 2 series, and Clay Jones, well-known to viewers in Wales for his weekly hints for tollers of the earth. On tonight's ageind a prize-winning, summer-flowering bulbs, profitable greenhouses and prize-winning vegetables.

9 There are three reminders on radio today of the great loss suffered by British music when Benjamin Britten died in 1976. There are three reminders on radio today of the great loss suffered by British music when Benjamin Britten died in 1976. He is the soloist, with the Aldeburgh Festival Orchestra, in Mozart's Fiano Concerto No. 12 and he conducts the English Chamber Orchestra in Mozart's Symphony No. 40 (Radio 3, 9.45 pm). Earlier, on Radio 3 (10.55 am), in a concert by the BBC Northern Ireland Orchestra, we hear Britten's Suite on English Folk Tunes, and at 1.20, also on Radio 3, the BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra include his magnificent Four sea Interludes in their programme.

David Spenser, the director responsible for last night's nonumental production of Troins and Cressida on Radio 3, was also the guiding hand behind today's Afternoon Theatre play cope Joan Lives (Radio 4, 3.15), first heard in 1978, Anna Laider Marshall (what a marvellous radio voice she has) plays he nun who thinks the lies uncarthed evidence proving that the extendary female pope actually did exist. In today's Woman's lour (Radio 4, 2.02), Edgar Harrison, radio's Dan Archer, alks about his fun selves—the man he knows he is and the

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TELEVISION

BBC 1

6.40 am Open University: Plight failures; 7.95 Engineering mechanisms; 7.30 Stereochemistry. anisms; 7.30 St Close down at 7.55.

9.05 For Schools, Colleges: Treff-punks: Deutschland; 9.25 Look and Read; 10.15 Maths-in-a-Box (racing and pacing); 10.35 Going to Work (hotels, restaurants); 11.00 Hyn o Fyd (for Welsh wiewers)

11.25 You and Me: I'm the king of the Castle. 11.46 For Schools, Colleges: Everyday maths; 12.05 Your Own Business (help and self help). Closedown at 12.30. 12.45 News and weather.

1.00 Pebble Mill at One: Magnus Pyke envisages life in the year 2030, and thereis a preview of the Broedcasting Press Guild's nine awards for 1980. In the studio, guild president Rosalie Horner. guild president Rosalie Horner. 1.45 Mister Men: Mr Noisy and Mr

2.02 Schools, Colleges: Why prejudice? (Young Londoners examine racial prejudice); 2.35 A Good Job with Prospects (civil aviation). 3.20 Pobol y Cym : Welsh serial.
3.55 Play School: Kathy Squires's

BBC 2

6.40 am Open University: Calling the Tune; 7.05 Earth Materials; 7.30 Mining. Closedown at 7.55. 11.00 Play School: Same at BBC 1, 3.55. Closedown at 11.25. 4.50 Open University: Beyond the Eye; 5.15 Sky (field evidence).

5.40 Flata Gordon: Tournament of Death. Episode 8 of the old Hol-lywood serial. Flash fights the dread orangopoid monster.* 6:00 Monkey: Old Chinese fairy tale about four oddly assorted chums, bewilderingly dubbed into English from the original Japan-

6.45 Delia Smith's Cookery Course The joys of smoked fish including mackerel pâté, marinaded kipper fillets and fish pie. 7.10 Gardeners' World: New series, from Clack's Farm. With Geoffrey Smith and Clay Jones and Arthur Billit. Pruning shrubs and sorting

Commonwealth Secretary-General.
2.45 Film: Emily, Emily (1977).
Made-for-TV emotional drama about a retarded youth who falls in love with his teacher at a special school. With John Forsythe and (as the youth) Thomas Hulce.
4.15 The Tomorrow People: Episode 1 of Achilles Heel. Two visitors from space threaten the special powers of the Tomorrow People (r). 4.45 Magpie: Tips for young camera enthusiasts from animal photographer David Hoskins, and an interview with cricketer Ian Botham.
5.15 Entmerdale Farm: The village football match. THAMES 9.30 am For Schools: Botanic Man (David Bellamy); 9.57 Stop, Look, Listen (leather); 10.10 Work (farming); 10.27 It's Your Future (trades unions); 10.48 About Books (English dialects): 11.10 Reading with Lenny; 11.22 Leapfrog (maths); 11.39 Believe it or Not (views of freedom).

11.35 Cartoon Time. 12.00 A Handful of Songs: with Maria Morgan and Keith Field. 12.10 Once Upon a Time: The story is the Jay Bird and the Peacock.

football match. 5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News. 6.30 Thames Sport: With Ronald Alli-son, Brough Scott and Allan Tay-lor.

and the Peacock.

12.30 pm The Television Programme: Peter Fiddick examines the way that TV handles news. Interview with news reader Peter Sissons and ITN editor-in-chief David-Nicholas.

1.00 News. 1.20 Thames News.

1.36 Together: Tales of flat dwellers. Rush-hush over the flu outbreak.

2.00 After Noon Pins. Educated outbreak.

2.00 After Noon Pins: Edward Heath, a member of the Brandt Commission which reported on the problems of the developed and developing nations, is in the studio with Shridath Ramphal, the

story Desmond David's Dance; 4.20 Roobarb: story told by Richard Briers; 4.30 Jackanory: Brigit Forsyth reads The Weathermakers, by John Farrimond; 4.45 Tarran and the Knights of Nimmer (r); 5.10 Rentaghost: New series about thefunny spooks. Today, a kind of Slav Mary Poppins joins the spectral group; 5.35 Paddington: The story of A Bear in Hot Water. 5.40 News: with Kenneth Kendall. 5.55 Nationwide.

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7.00 Young Maverick: American period drama series. Ben (Charles Frank) turns Nell's cousin into a prizefighter to beat some con men. 7.50 Butterflies: Repeat showing of the Wendy Craig domestic come-dies with their heart in the right 8.20 Breaksway: Episode 3 of the

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out summer-flowering bulbs (see Personal Choice). 7.35 News: with sub-titles for the hard of hearing.

9.25 The Eddie Capta Mysteries: A psychiatric patient escapes from

7.45 Window on the Square: What the famous 86-year-old Hungarian photographer André Kertesz sees from the windows of his apartment overlooking Washington Square in New York (r).

3.10 Talking Pictures: Final edi-tion. Viewers' favourite films of the 1970s, presented by Gavin Mil-lar. Also, a report on new jazz movies (see Personal Choice). 9.00 Pot Black 80: The tenth frame—Doug Mountjoy of South Wales versus Eddie Chariton of New South Wales. Mr Mountjoy has one game to his credit, while the Australian has two.

9.25 International Pro-Celebrity Golf: Peter Alliss, commentator in this series, puts down the micro-phone and picks up his clubs to join former England cricket csp-

monotonously predictable, through no fault of the hard-working Mr Forsyth. 8.00 Life Begins at Forty: New parents (Derek Nimmo and Rose-mary Leach) bave a weekend away

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11.35 News and weather.

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8.30 Hawaii Five-0: Is there an informer among the police who are fighting a narcotics gang?

9.30 Fully Licensed for Singing and Dancing: Roy Walker is your escort on wists to nightspots. 10.00 News. 10.30 Soup: The unorthodox

of nuclear waster interview with New York anti-transportation cam-paigner, Dr Leonard Solon. 11.45 Pro-Celebrity Snooker: The Canadian Cup Trophy. Dennis Tay-lor and Bill Maynard take on Wil-lie Thorne and Peter Gordeno.

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11.00 The London Programme: How great are the dangers in the transportation through our streets of preclass waters. nuclear waste? Interview with

6.30 Today. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.30 8.30 Headlines. 35 Yesterday in Parkament. .00 News. Radio 3 9.05 Desert Island Discs, 9.45 Enquire Within.

10.00 News. 10.05 From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30 Daily Service. 10.45 Story Time. 11.00 News. 11.05 The Countryside in Early

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6.00 am News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today.

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12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One.
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.09 News.
3.02 Listen Vith Mother.
3.15 Play: Pope Joan Lives, by Bruce Stewart.†
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7.20 Pick of the Week.†
8.10 Profile.
8.30 Any Questions?
9.15 Letter From America.
9.30 Kaleidoscope.
10.00 The World Tonight.
10.35 Week Ending.†
11.00 A Book at Bedtime.
11.15 Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament. 30 Today in Parliament.
45 Play: Time Out of Season.

12.00 News. 12.15-12.23 am Weather. 50 am Regional news, weather. 5.50 am Regional news, weather. 7.50 Regional news, weather. 9.05-10.30 Schools: Contact; People at Work; Country Dancing; Notice Roard II: Made Workshop. 18.45-12.00 Schools: A Corner for Music; Exploring Society; Notice Board II; Listening and Writing; Prospect.

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9.05 Week's Composer: Brahms
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10.00 Songs: Purcell, Schubert,
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9.15 The Vision of Piers the Ploughman (3).†
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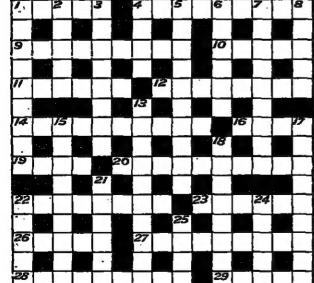
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1 Adopt down-at-heel pose, like Cambridge people (5). 4 Refrained from having soil in a garden plot (9). 9 Found in roads in 23 (9).

10 Married Roman bird ? (5). 11 Fresh news of Californian city trial (6).

22 High-class egg producer 25 Like nothing shut up (4).

23 State. briefly. Hamlet's Solution of Puzzle No 15,166 reaction to a skull (6). reaction to a skull (6).
25 Instrument maker making dramatic entrance (5).
27 Tense statement from practised performer? (9).
28 Tree producing failure in 28 Tree producing failure in traffic lights? (9).

29 Put off? Does, perhaps, with loud interruption (5).

DOWN

1 With less water, everyone washing together? (9). 2 Like complete pack—or a single diamond (5).

3 Bags ducks for example (8). A A mother for him? No (4).

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Nonsensica) "Old Man in a tree"? (6). 7 Book-binding innovations?

married koman bird? (5).

11 Fresh news of Californian city trial (6).

12 Disputes point of view held by Webster—left, right and centre (8).

14 Like oils showing potential power of art (10).

15 Thin layer covering cartoon, perhaps (4).

19 Rear losing capital in financial disaster (4).

20 Cut down speed, oddly, coming round one to motorway (10).

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